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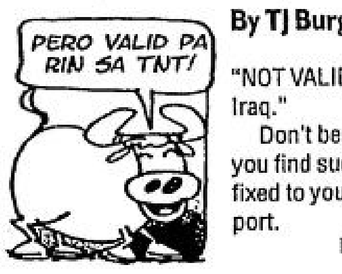
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By TJ Burgonio

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## Poll watch: Kerry making inroads among swing voters

WASHINGTON—A new poll on Wednesday (Thursday in Manila) suggested swing voters were starting to break for Democratic candidate John Kerry, but the White House race remained tantalizingly unpredictable six days before the election.

While Kerry and President George W. Bush scrambled for late votes across key battle-

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# AFP wives up in arms

## *Mrs. Abu: We have no time to party*

By Fe Zamora
and Michael Lim Ubac

MILITARY wives who spend their time at leisure and pleasure are a thing of the past.

This was what Lorna Abu, wife of new Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Efren Abu said yesterday in defending herself and other military officials' wives who were smarting from Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago's recent broadsides.

"That is our stigma, but times have changed," Lorna Abu said in the presence of about a dozen spouses of generals and colonels. "The Ladies Club is not just a social club. Here, we work on our projects."

Abu spoke with the INQUIRER after formally opening the Philippine Army Dependents Library at the Philippine Army Officers Village in Fort Bonifacio.

She and the other women said they were "hurt" by Santiago's statements accusing generals' wives of serving as brokers in procurement deals and of receiving a large share of ill-gotten money, which they supposedly spent on jewelry, travel, luxury vehicles and even dance instructors.

"Maybe the senator should name names so the public may know whom she was referring to," Betsy Romero, wife of Maj. Gen. Antonio Romero II, said, echoing the statement on Wednesday of Susan Abaya, wife of the outgoing chief of staff, Gen. Narciso Abaya.

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ERIK ARAZAS

**"LEISURE** and pleasure for generals' wives are a thing of the past," says Mrs. Lorna Abu, wife of the new AFP chief.

JESS YUSON

**"WHO'S she?"** Senator Santiago says of Susan Abaya, wife of the outgoing AFP chief of staff who dared her to name names.

## House passes 'watered down' bill on sin taxes

By Carlito Pablo
and Christine O. Avendaño

AFTER A 10-HOUR session, the House of Representatives approved at 2 a.m. yesterday a "watered down" version of the "sin" taxes on cigarettes and alcohol products.

Voting 144-10 with one abstention, the chamber passed on third reading House Bill No. 3174 despite protests from the opposition bloc that the measure had been railroaded through the chamber.

Taxes would rise 20 percent for all brands of cigarettes and alcohol products in the first year.

That falls short of the 30-percent increase originally requested by Malacañang, which had also wanted the taxes to be indexed to inflation. The House instead approved a 3-percent rise in the taxes in 2006 and another 3 percent in 2007.

Malacañang would have to seek new legislation for any increase in the tax rate after 2007.

The House version should raise revenue by P7.8 billion in the first year, and by a cumulative

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## Media blamed for increase in corruption

By Armand N. Nocum

CORRUPT newsmen should share the blame for the growing menace of corruption in the country, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said in an antigraft conference that ended on Wednesday.

Sto. Tomas was responding to a question by a freelance journalist during the open forum of the National Conference on Anti-Corruption as to why the DOLE appeared to have no success in going after illegal recruiters, unlike Capt. Reynaldo Jaylo, head of the Presidential Task Force Against Illegal Recruiters.

A visibly irked Sto. Tomas shot back: "We don't pay newspapers."

Jaylo, a police official known to be close to reporters, is wont to call press conferences to

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### 'A DISGRACE'

## Mistahs want Garcia stricken off alumni rolls

By Alcuin Papa

THE ALUMNI association of the Philippine Military Academy is considering dropping Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia from its rolls, saying he is a "disgrace" to the organization and their alma mater.

Garcia, the president of PMA Class 1971 and former comptroller of the military, is being investigated by the House committee on national defense for allegedly amassing ill-gotten wealth and is facing court-martial.

The Office of the Ombudsman has filed a petition for forfeiture in the Sandiganbayan against Garcia and his family for allegedly acquiring some P143.05 million over and above his military income of P3.27 million from 1993 to 2003.

At a press briefing, officials of the PMA Alumni Association Inc. said yesterday that they had received numerous calls and letters from alumni asking that Garcia's name be stricken off the list of members to spare the AFP any more controversy.

"Some have said he (Garcia) is a disgrace and there are very strong sentiments because he is incriminating the whole organization," said retired Col. Herold Ubalde, head of the association's grievance committee.

The PMA has been derisively called the "Philippine Millionaires Academy" and the "best business school in the country" because it "produces millionaires" after the Garcia controversy broke.

The PMAAAI, which holds office in Camp Aguinaldo, has around 7,000 members in the retired and active service.

Retired Chief Supt. Geary Barias, president of the PMAAAI, said the asso-

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## Golez defies JDV, hearings to continue

By Carlito Pablo

IF THE attendance of lawmakers were a gauge, the joint inquiry of the House committees on national defense and on banks into the alleged corruption in the military has turned from standing-room-only hit to box-office flop.

Only Rep. Roilo Golez (Kampi, Parañaque) and three other lawmakers showed up at about 1:30 p.m. yesterday for the eighth hearing that was scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

And while early on in the inquiry finding a seat posed a problem, only two or three more lawmakers walked in as the hearing progressed.

Speaker Jose de Venecia had called for the phaseout of the House inquiry on corruption in the military, including the unexplained wealth of Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, since the Ombudsman and the Armed Forces of the Philippines were conducting their own investigations.

Fortunately for Golez, chair of the committee on national defense, no one raised the question of a quorum yesterday.

In his opening statement, Golez indicated

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## *Magellan's galleon sails again*

SEVILLE, Spain—Ferdinand Magellan was killed by Lapu-lapu in the Philippines in 1521 without making it to Japan on his galleon named Victoria.

Juan Sebastian del Cano, the Spanish captain, won his place in history by skippering the original Victoria back to Europe after Magellan's death.

Del Cano died in 1526 attempting a second round-the-world voyage.

Now in the high seas on its way to the country Magellan never reached—Japan—is a faithful replica of his 16th-century galleon.

Spanish sailor Jose Luis Ugarte set sail on the Victoria on Oct. 12 from Seville in southern Spain.

The replica vessel was built for the 1992 Seville Expo and, if it reaches Japan without mishap, will be a part of the Spanish pavilion exhibit in World Expo 2005 in the Japanese city of Aichi from March to September next year.

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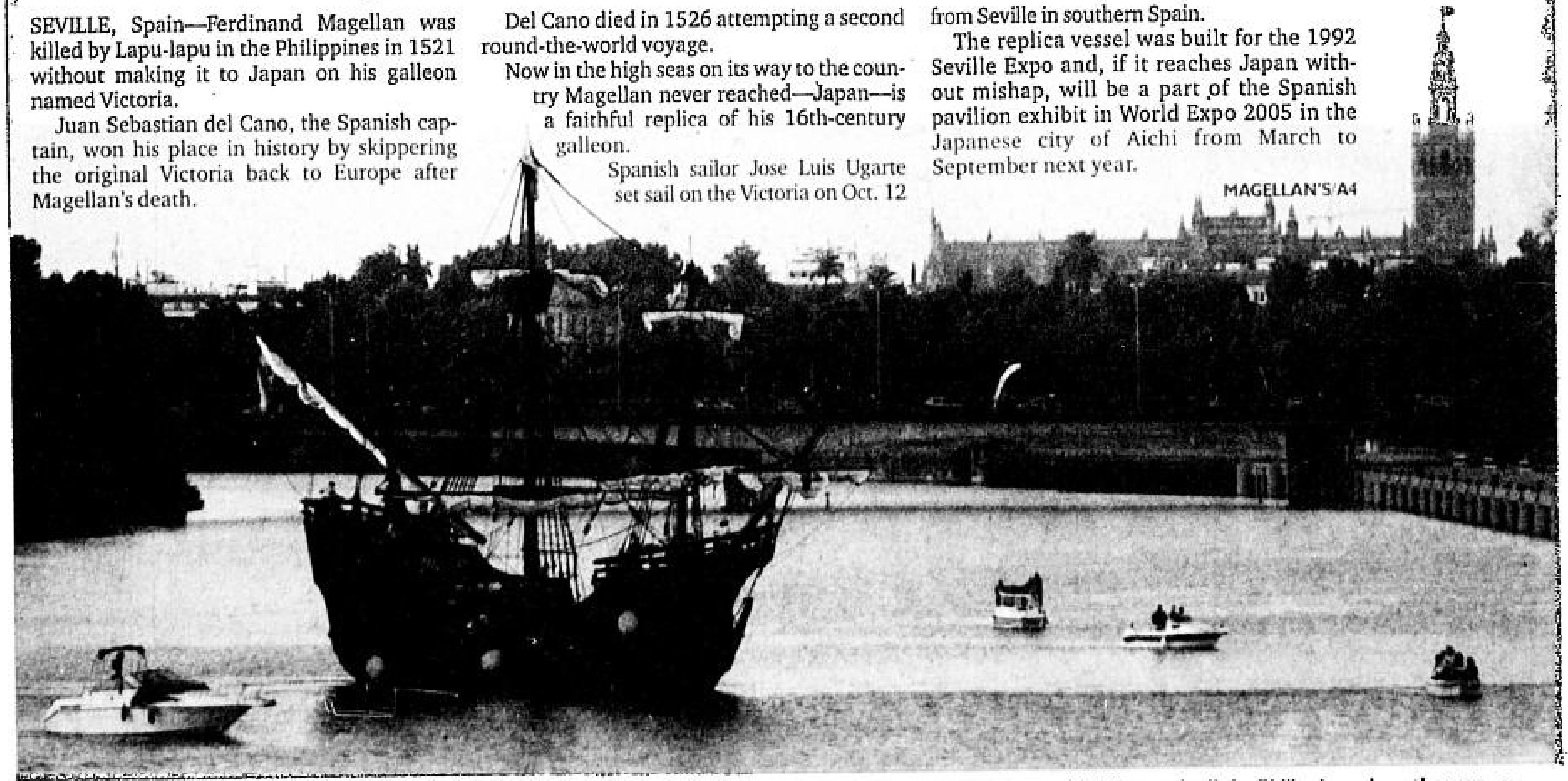

**FAITHFUL** reproduction of the 16th century galleon that Ferdinand Magellan skippered on his voyage around the world, "discovering" the Philippines along the way. AFP

## WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Eastern sections of the country will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread over Eastern Visayas. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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# GMA launches urban land reform

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

**PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has put into motion an ambitious plan to legitimize the ownership of squatter-occupied lands in order to unlock at least $100 billion in "dead capital," based on the reformist theories of her special economic adviser, Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto.**

The President yesterday issued Executive Order No. 371 reconstituting the Official Development Assistance Absorption Office into the Urban Asset Reform Project Management Office (UAR-PMO) to be headed by a Cabinet undersecretary.

"The UAR-PMO is mandated to develop the proven ideas of economist Hernando de Soto regarding the integration of formal and informal settlements into one legal system as the framework of Philippine urban asset reform," according to an executive order that Ms Arroyo signed on Oct. 12.

The new office is tasked to introduce De Soto's ideas on property to help integrate so-called urban poor settlers into the mainstream economy; create the implementation mechanism within the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor that will enable these settlers to legalize their extra-legal and business "assets," and establish the legal instruments required to mobilize, combine and allocate these "assets" for productive purposes.

De Soto visited the Philippines last year on the invitation of the President, who is a great admirer of his economic ideas of unlocking the potential of the poor. One of these ideas is granting property rights to squatters so they can turn land they occupy but do not own into useful capital.

De Soto believes that the main difference between rich and poor countries was the lack of legal status for assets which the poor already possess but do not own.

Ms Arroyo's program of giving the squatters titles to the public lands they occupy is patterned after De Soto's ideas. She hopes that through these means, the poor can gain access to bank loans with which they can start a small business.

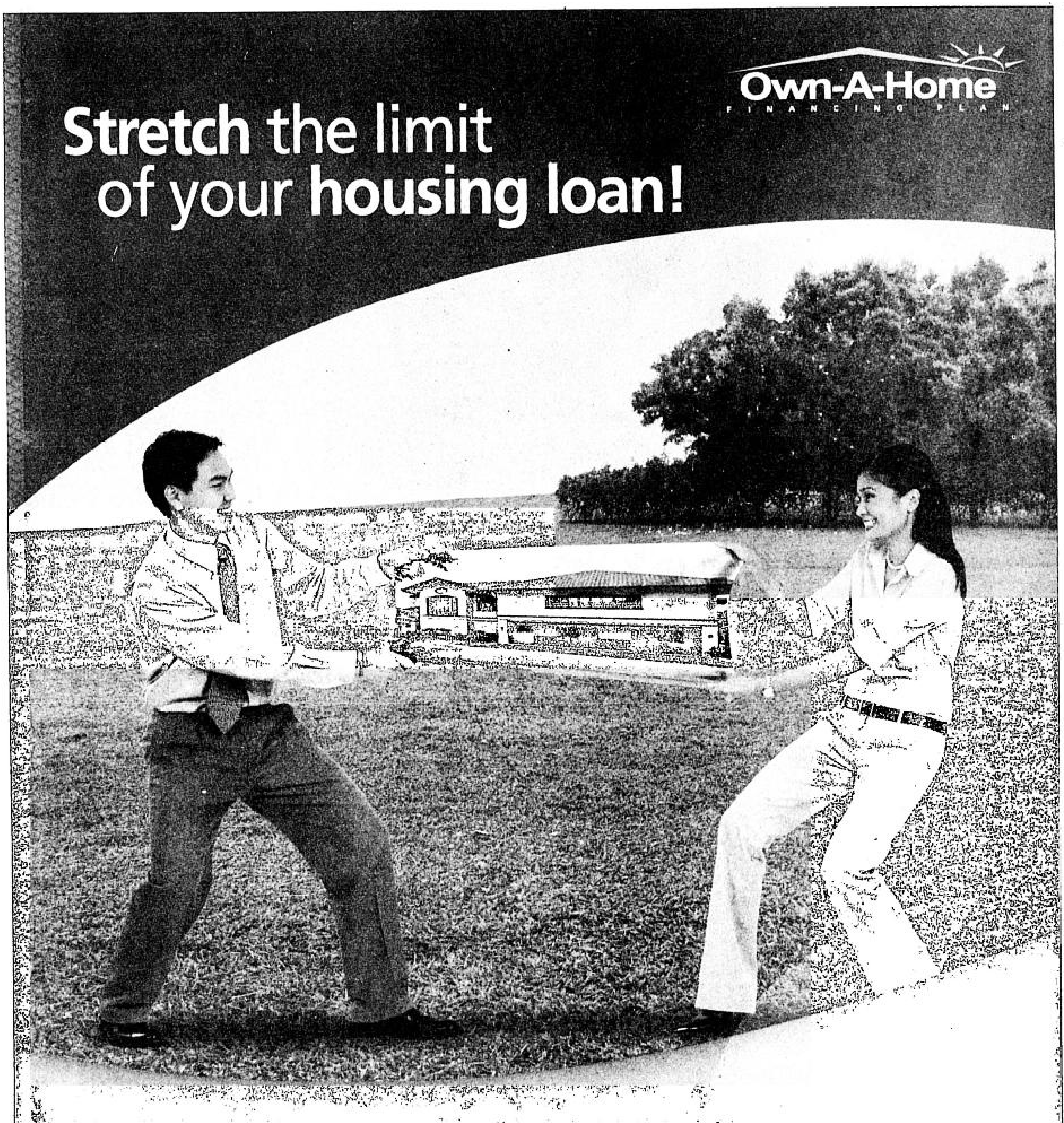
De Soto estimated that untitled lands in the Philippines, one of the subjects that he has closely studied in Asia, could be worth as much as $130 billion, or four times the value of the corporations recognized by the Philippine Stock Exchange.

By his reckoning, illegal squatters in the Philippines have at least P100 billion in untapped capital which they could use to improve their lives if the government would only give them certain rights to the properties they are occupying.

De Soto estimated that 57 percent of city dwellers in the Philippines live on property to which they have no legal titles.

But converting an illegal occupation into a legal title is the biggest obstacle to the President's goal.

De Soto noted that it would take 168 steps for an illegally-occupied property to become legal and this could take between 13 and 25 years.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# Palace says no coup will succeed

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

MALACAÑANG yesterday expressed confidence no destabilization attempt would succeed in ousting President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The Palace made the assertion as rumors of a coup attempt continued to fly.

"This administration is pushing the threshold of change and reform in all levels and sectors and is not vulnerable to military adventurism," said Press Secretary and presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye in a statement.

"The President holds the high moral ground and cannot be dislodged from it," he said.

Bunye reiterated the President's assurance that the Armed Forces chain of command was intact and remained loyal to her and the people.

"Rumors abound but an active plot cannot realistically germinate from within an Armed Forces that is already caught in an inexorable wave of reform, and where justice is being done to malefactors," Bunye said.

On Wednesday, the President had said any attempted coup would fail.

"I can say that no coup attempt will succeed," she had told The Associated Press. "The Armed Forces of the Philippines is an effective institution."

Late Tuesday, the military declared a nationwide heightened alert, citing possible communist rebel attacks.

But the move fueled rumors of army unrest instead because of the ongoing investigation into financial malfeasance in the highest echelons of the Armed Forces.

The focus of the inquiry is Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, former military comptroller who was in charge of the AFP budget until early this year when an investigation was started into his alleged acquisition of millions of pesos in unexplained wealth.

## Plans to overthrow gov't

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon had said three retired generals he talked to recently in the United States had told him of plans to overthrow the Arroyo administration in light of what was happening in the military.

Biazon refused to identify the generals despite pleas from congressmen and other officials to do so.

"I'm not being alarmist," he had said, "I'm raising the issue to forewarn the people, especially the (military)."

Sen. Miriam Santiago also accused the AFP chief of staff and the staff command, along with their wives, of corruption. This did not sit well with the officers or their spouses who denied any involvement in graft.

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz said in a TV interview the other day that the President "has stated that there's no reason to worry."

"These are just rumors. The morale of the Armed Forces... is high," Cruz said.

Also yesterday, Malacañang released a statement saying the leaders of 15 Christian churches and organizations had rallied behind the President amid the coup rumors.

The church groups, which formed the "Leaders of Transformation Philippines," signed a commitment of support for Ms Arroyo, the Palace said.

The church leaders told the President they were "keenly aware that enemies of the state are capitalizing on our critical situation to pursue their dark agenda against the government."

They expressed the belief that the investigation of corruption in the military was "part of God's program to cleanse the government and prepare our nation for a great turnaround in the near future."

The church groups included the Jesus Our Life Foundation, Assemblies of God, Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches, Prison Fellowship, Baptist Conference of the Philippines, Church of the Foursquare Gospel in the Philippines, Christian Missionary Alliance of the Philippines, Hope and Prayer Life, Prayer for Philippines Agenda, Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, Universal Pentecostal Churches of the Philippines, Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship and Charis Communications Ministries

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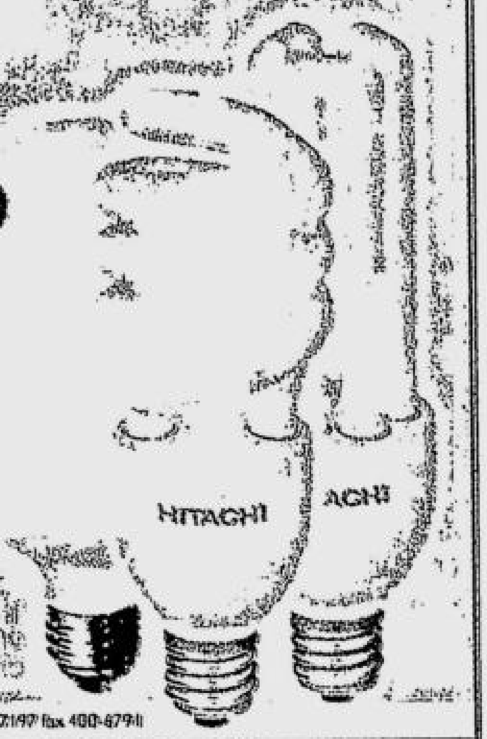

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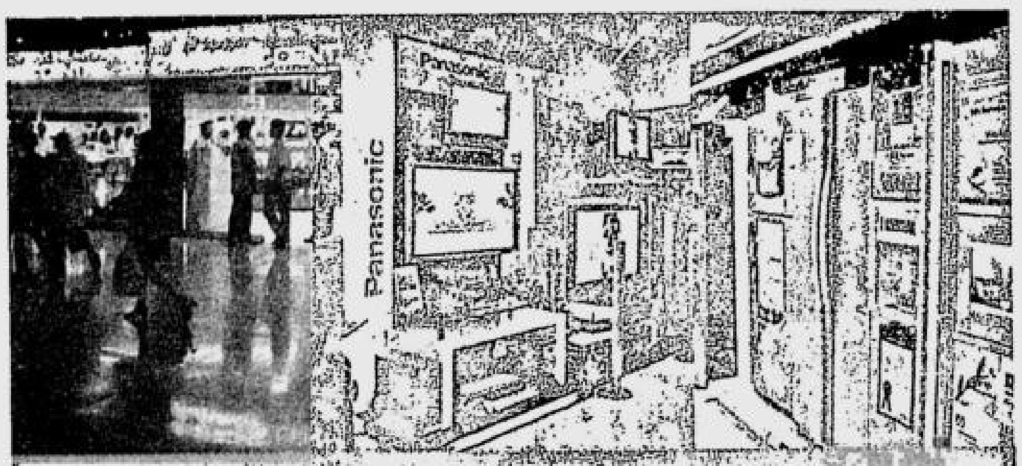

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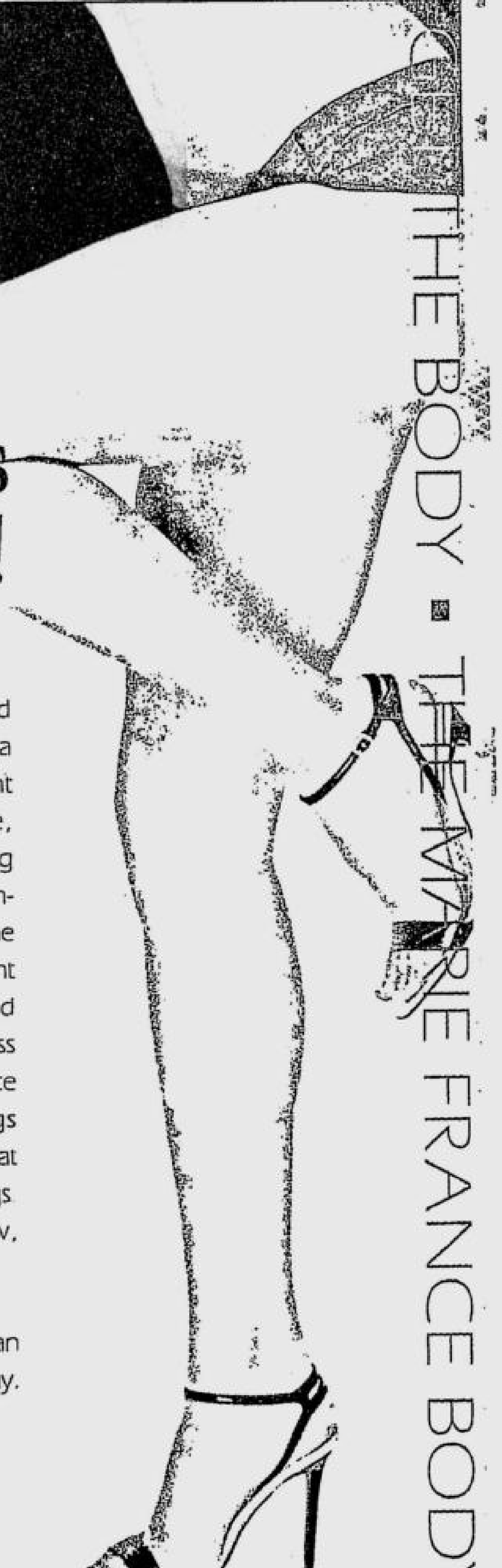
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# Poll watch: Kerry making inroads among swing voters

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ground states ahead of Tuesday's ballot, pollsters were divided on who was ahead but agreed the outcome was too close to call.

In the heat of the presidential battle, the Economist—considered the weekly bible of the world's top movers and shakers—threw its support behind the Democratic challenger.

"With a heavy heart, we think American readers should vote for John Kerry on Nov. 2," the Economist is expected to say in its lead editorial when its next issue hits newsstands around the globe on Friday.

"This year's battle has been between two deeply flawed men: George Bush, who has been a radical, transforming president but who has never seemed truly up to the job, let alone his own ambitions for it; and John Kerry, who often seems to have made up his mind conclusively about something only once, and that was 30 years ago," it said.

"But on Nov. 2, Americans must make their choice, as must The Economist. It is far from an easy call, especially against the backdrop of a turbulent, dangerous world. But, on balance, our instinct is toward change rather than continuity: Mr Kerry, not Mr Bush."

The Economist's editor Bill Emmott said: "It was a difficult call, given that we endorsed George Bush in 2000 and supported the war in Iraq. But in the end, we felt he has been too incompetent to deserve reelection."

Edited in London, The Economist—with a global circulation of nearly 945,000—sells three times more copies in the United States than in Britain. It is closely read in Washington's corridors of power.

A Washington Post daily tracking poll showed the challenger adding a point to lead Bush 50-48 among likely voters. Zógby International had Kerry picking up two points to shave Bush's edge to 47-48 percent.

Both were within the margin of error while a third survey by the Rasmussen group showed Bush on top 49-47 percent, reversing a two-point Kerry edge two days ago. Independent candidate Ralph Nader generally polls about one percent.

BUSH: Popular with Catholics

KERRY: Hit with African-Americans

## Photo finish

The election appeared headed for a photo finish similar to the result in 2000, several analysts said. Zogby said that at this point four years ago, Bush had a 46-41 percent margin over Democrat Al Gore.

But Kerry found encouraging news in a survey by the Pew Research Center which found he had made "more substantial gains" than Bush among swing voters first interviewed last month.

Forty percent of those questioned last week said they were backing or leaning to the Massachusetts senator, up from 28 percent in the September poll. Bush's support grew by only four points to 38 percent.

. The race also seemed to be tightening on the state level, where the candidates labored to piece together a majority of the 538 electoral votes that actually decide the presidency and are awarded in separate, mostly winner-take-all state contests.

## Critical states

The critical states of Florida and Ohio, which Bush narrowly won in 2000, were up for grabs with polls divided on who had the edge. The two battlegrounds accounted for 47 electoral votes, nearly a fifth of the 270 needed for victory.

Kerry also seemed to be making headway in beating off Bush's bid to snatch the midwestern state of Wisconsin and its 10 electoral votes from the Democratic column.

Zogby gave him a two-point edge in Wisconsin at 48-46 percent and the American Research Group had the race tied at 47 percent.

Most attention has been focused on 10 states, with a total of 118 electoral votes. But as the race headed down to the wire before Tuesday's vote, three new states emerged as potential battlegrounds.

Polls showed the island state of Hawaii (four electors) in play, even if it has voted Republican for president only twice since achieving statehood 45 years ago and went Democratic by a two-to-one margin in 2000.

Some surveys also suggested that former President Bill Clinton's home turf of Arkansas (six electors) and another state, West Virginia (four), were ripe for the picking after voting for Bush in 2000.

Bush took the White House by 271-266 electoral votes over Gore, even though the Democrat won the popular vote. Analysts said the same divergence could emerge this year, for the fifth time in US history.

## Comforting to both rivals

The latest polls gave some comfort to both candidates as they battled away in the waning days of their marathon campaign.

Zogby and The Washington Post showed Kerry polling more than 90 percent among African-Americans and Zogby had him with a two-to-one edge among Hispanics, two of the crucial constituencies the Democrat must turn out massively.

"Kerry has managed to consolidate a big chunk of his base just as Bush has done on his own behalf," pollster John Zogby said in his daily commentary.

But the surveys also showed Kerry still struggling among Roman Catholics and women. Zogby had Bush leading 48-44 percent among Catholics.

## More females for voters

It also gave Bush a 48-47 percent edge among female voters while The Washington Post had Kerry ahead 51-47, barely a third of the 11-point gap that favored Gore four years ago.

Another encouraging finding for Bush was in the key barometer of whether voters considered the United States moving in the right direction.

Most polls throughout the campaign have showed a majority believing the country was on the wrong track. But Zogby said that for the third straight day, 47 percent felt things were on the right track and 46 percent said they were going wrong. *AFP*

## Correction

THE CAPTION of a photo on Page D3 of the Lifestyle section, issue of Oct. 25, 2004, misidentified the president of the Metrobank Foundation as Placido Domingo Jr. It should read: Placido Mapa Jr.

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# Magellan's galleon sails again

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The original Victoria left Seville on the Guadalquivir river in 1519, while the modern-day version, measuring 25.9 by 6.7 meters, underwent six months of work ahead of its odyssey, which began on Spain's national day.

## Emulating Magellan

Before his departure, Ugarte, 75, told a news conference in Bilbao he wanted to emulate Magellan and Del Cano.

Ugarte's boat is a faithful replica of the original, down to its 16th-century navigational instruments, though it is equipped with a motor.

## Route via Hawaii

The replica will head for the Panama Canal and hopes to reach the Mexican Pacific coast resort of Acapulco by yearend.

After heading on to Japan via Hawaii, Ugarte's ship is due in Japan by March and is successively to put into port at Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka, Nagasaki, Ise, Yokohama and Tokyo prior to the expo.

## Via Shanghai

Ugarte and his crew will return via Shanghai following the Expo as they bid to publicize the Spanish pavilion to Expo 2010, which the Chinese city is to host. *AFP*

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# Pinoy foreign service officer seized in Kabul

A FILIPINO was among three United Nations election workers who were taken hostage by an armed group in Afghanistan on Thursday, the Department of Foreign Affairs confirmed last night.

The Filipino was identified as Angelito Nayan, a foreign service officer class IV of the DFA and currently assigned to the joint electoral committee connected with the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan (Unama), the DFA said in a statement.

The two other hostages were an Irish and a Kosovan. They were not identified but both were believed to be women.

Ambassador to Pakistan Jorge Arizabal confirmed the abduction to Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo last night, according to the DFA.

"The department strongly condemns such acts as pointless hindrances to the rebuilding of the Afghan nation, which has just successfully completed its first democratic election," the DFA said.

Nayan, 34, is from Laguna. He was on Romulo's staff when the latter was the Senate majority leader.

The DFA has informed his family of the incident. *TJ Burgonio*

# Child cybersex ring broken up

POLICE arrested two foreign men, a Belgian and an American, suspected of operating a Web-based pornography ring involving children, officials said yesterday.

Fifteen girls and women aged between 15 and 23 were found in five houses raided in Angeles City on Monday, police said.

"This is a thriving industry offering virtual sex through cyberspace," Sr. Supt. Rodolfo Mendoza of the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation And Detection Group told Reuters.

The girls and women had posed nude, danced and performed sexual acts in front of Web cameras, he said.

"We busted one big operation, but there could be hundreds more out there hosting adult Web sites," Mendoza said.

The cybersex and child pornography business in the Philippines generates about P150 million a year, police said.

The two foreigners were believed to be financing the operation and would be charged under human trafficking laws, police said.

Mendoza said the girls and women worked in three eight-hour shifts, getting an average of $3 a day to perform to web subscribers in the United States, Britain, Hong Kong and Japan.

Web users pay about $1.59 per minute to get access to the site.

The head of the United Nations Children's Fund in the country said in August a study of child pornography in the Philippines had shown the problem was far more widespread and systematic than previously thought and often involved international syndicates.

In July, police said they rescued about 70 children, some as young as five, from a child pornography ring when they raided a house south of Metro Manila. *Reuters*

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, October 29, 2004
30th Week in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Phil 1:1-11
**Gospel:** Lk 14:1-6

One Sabbath Jesus had gone to eat a meal in the house of a leading Pharisee, and he was carefully watched. In front of him was a man suffering from dropsy; so Jesus asked the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But no one answered. Jesus then took the man, healed him and sent him away. And he addressed them, "If your lamb or your ox falls into a well on a Sabbath day, who among you doesn't hurry to pull it out?" And they could not answer.

**Commentary**

*Here we are once again in the Valley of the Squinting Windows. The Pharisees are watching him closely. In the way he describes things Luke sometimes shows he's an outsider, a Gentile. For example, he speaks of a "mustard seed which a man took and planted in his garden." The mustard tree was not a garden plant; it grew wild around the shores of the lake of Galilee. It grew to a height of three or four meters and would not be an ornament to any garden! In today's reading he mentions "a leading Pharisee," or "a leader of the Pharisees," as the RSV translates it. In fact, the scholars tell us, the Pharisees were not a sect with rulers or leaders and disciples. Still, he knew as much as he needed to know about them. Probably one malicious stare from a Pharisee was a full education on the whole brood!*

*A girl was giving me a blow by blow account of a row she had with another girl. It had escalated from a disagreement to an outright shouting match. Had they been boys the next stage would have been fisticuffs. But in this case the climax was, "I gave her a look!" Ever since then I've been more aware of looks! In a history of malicious looking the Pharisees would represent the golden age.*

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# SSS asks SC to allow sale of bank stake

By Philip C. Tubeza

SAYING that it was in urgent need of an P8-billion fund infusion, the Social Security System yesterday asked the Supreme Court to allow it to sell its 29-percent stake in the Equitable-PCI Bank.

In a 56-page comment, the SSS, through Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, asked the high tribunal to dismiss the petition from five senators seeking to stop the sale of the state-run pension fund's shares in the country's fourth largest bank.

The high court issued a status quo order on Oct. 5 after the senators asked it to stop a scheduled Oct. 20 auction of the shares for being allegedly disadvantageous to the government.

The justice secretary argued that stopping the sale would cause grave and irreparable injury not just to the SSS, whose financial situation was already "grim," but to its members and beneficiaries "who have to be assured that the SSS has available funds to continuously cover its benefit obligations."

Gonzalez said the sale of the shares would guarantee the infusion of at least P8 billion of much-needed funds to the SSS by November to ease the deficit of the SSS Reserve Fund.

He said a portion of the SSS's assets was now being used to pay the pension requirements of its members.

He said the Commission on Audit had reported that SSS benefit payments had exceeded contributions from 1993 to 1995 and again from 1999 to 2001 "resulting in a decrease in the expected life of the SSS Reserve Fund."

Gonzalez said that studies by the SSS's own actuarial department also showed that "it was unclear whether there would be a significant improvement in the actuarial life of the fund, which is expected to terminate by 2015."

"The simulations do show, however, that the net deficit by 2025 would be reduced from P18 billion to P7 billion if the sale of the subject shares is pursued," he said.

Gonzalez said this was premised on the assumption that the proceeds of the sale would be reinvested at current 364-day Treasury bill rate averaging about 9 percent.

"Thus, it cannot be overemphasized that contrary to petitioners' baseless allegations, the sale of the subject shares will ultimately redound to the advantage and benefit of all the SSS members," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez filed the comment to the Supreme Court's status quo ruling which ordered the parties to the dispute to "observe the status quo prevailing" before the SSS issued the resolutions approving the sale of the shares.

Last August, the SSS board resolved to auction the pension fund's Equitable-PCI stake following the failure of an earlier agreement to sell the block to the Banco de Oro Capital.

Despite the objection of the BDO, which filed a lawsuit to compile the SSS to honor the agreement, the SSS decided to subject the sale to a "Swiss challenge," or a price-test challenge, which would allow the BDO to match the highest bid price during the auction.

Under the Swiss challenge, a deal is subjected to counter-offers from the public to see if the offer from the original proponent, in this case the BDO, is reasonable.

The original proponent however reserves the right to match the best bid if if it wants to retain the agreement.

Five senators, led by Sen. Sergio Osmeña III, asked the tribunal to stop the sale, saying the Swiss challenge procedure would give BDO Capital preferential treatment.

Gonzalez, however, said the Swiss Challenge actually favors the SSS since its provides a "floor price" for the sale.

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# Javier widow seeks divine justice

**By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

ILOILO CITY—The widow of Antique Gov. Evelio Javier is praying for divine justice after a court of law handed down its judgment recently in the murder of her husband.

In an open letter dated Oct. 24 to Judge Rudy Castrojas of the Antique Regional Trial Court, Precious Lotilla-Javier quoted from the Book of Sirach in her belief that justice would ultimately be done.

"For He is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed," Javier quoted Chapter 35, verses 12-18.

The Book of Sirach is found in the Old Testament and is classified among the wisdom writings. It has a long eulogy on the heroes of Israelite history and has a high regard for the law and traditional wisdom.

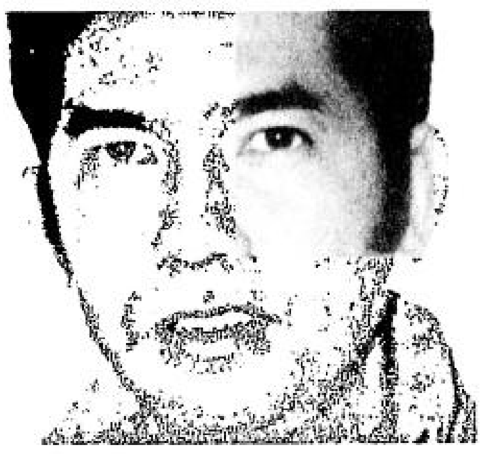
In a 113-page decision promulgated on Oct. 12, Castrojas acquitted former assemblyman Arturo Pacificador and three of his co-accused of Javier's murder and the wounding of five others in 1986.

The judge said the prosecution failed to prove that Pacificador had masterminded the murder of his political rival.

Pacificador's lawyer Avelino "Bob" Javellana, however, and seven others, mostly his bodyguards, were convicted.

Pacificador's acquittal shocked Javier's family and supporters.

"God bless you, Judge Castrojas," Precious ended her letter. It was also signed by her sons David Ignatius and Francis Gideon and the latter's wife Connie.



JAVIER: "God's justice knows no favorites."

Precious, who lives in California with David Ignatius, also sent an email to the INQUIRER.

In the email, she thanked the INQUIRER for covering the trial of the 18-year-old case. She also thanked INQUIRER columnist Conrado de Quiros for his column of Oct 21.

Javier's relatives and friends, led by Gideon, will attend a thanksgiving Mass at 5:30 p.m. today at the Ateneo de Manila University campus in Quezon City to be celebrated by Ateneo president Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J.

Gideon, 34, said the Mass would also commemorate what would have been his father's 62nd birthday on Oct. 31.

He said that despite Pacificador's acquittal, the Mass is for the "little justice that we got."

"At least the small fry were convicted and I really had hoped that these people will pay in this world," he said.

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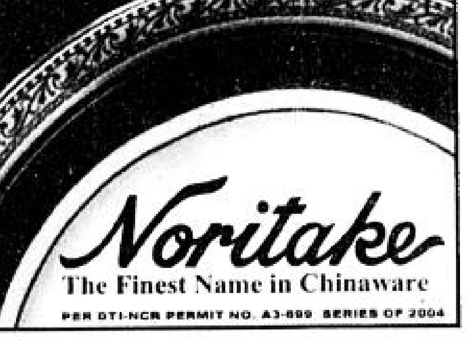

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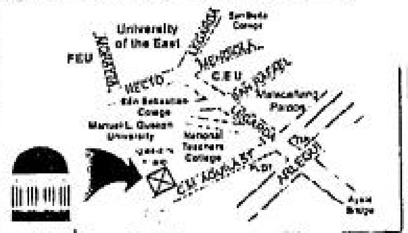

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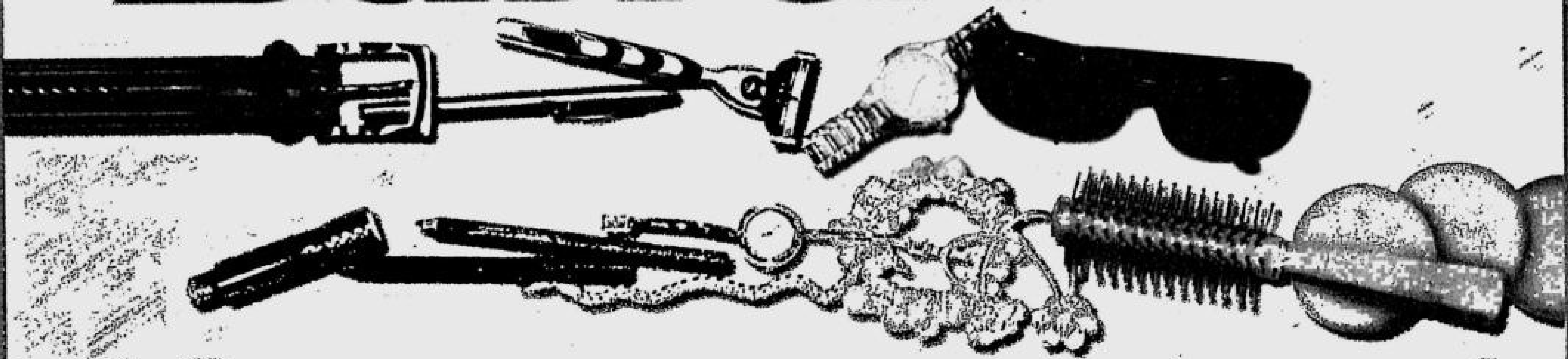

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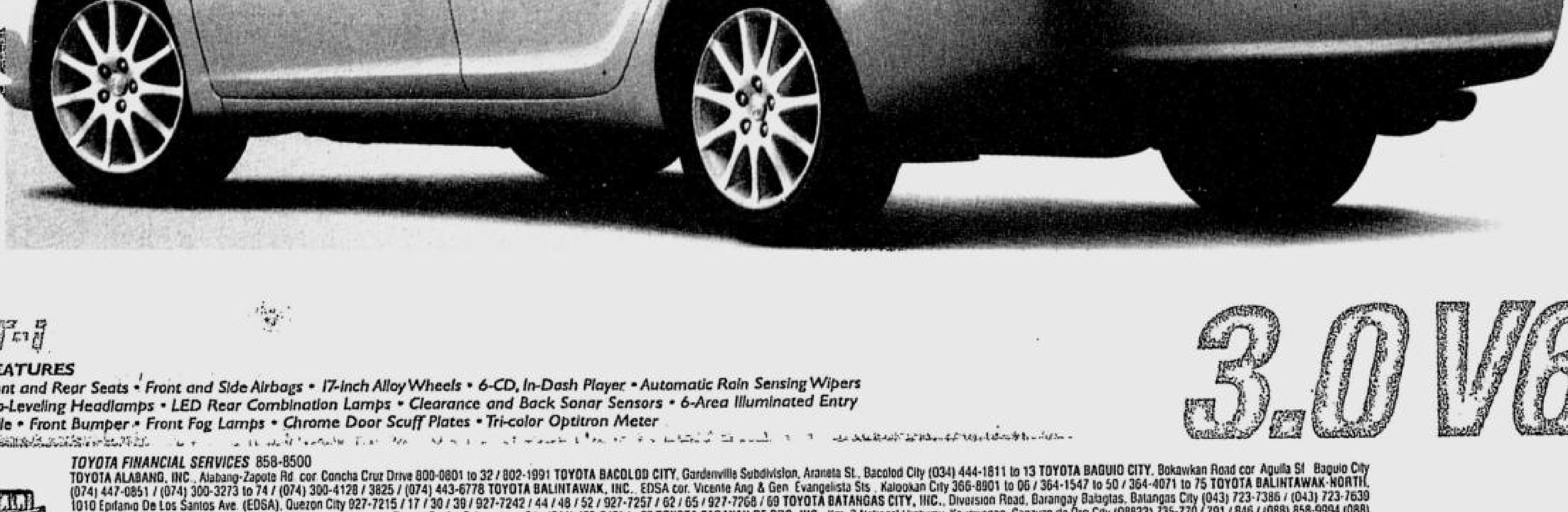

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# AFP lawyers serve charge sheet, subpoena on Garcia

**By Alcuin Papa and Armand N. Nocum**

MAJ. GEN. Carlos Garcia yesterday was served the charge sheet and a subpoena in connection with his court-martial for violation of two Articles of War.

"OK, I will answer these charges," the former comptroller of the Armed Forces of the Philippines said glumly, as reported by his custodian Col. Henry Galarpe, who served the documents issued by the Judge Advocate General's Office (Jago).

Galarpe, the AFP provost marshal, told reporters that Garcia seemed surprised at his visit. The general was transferred from the UST Hospital to his quarters at 22 Gallego St. in Camp Aguinaldo the other week, and has since been restricted there.

Reporters were not allowed to enter Garcia's quarters.

Galarpe said the general had only a houseboy for company, and was dressed in civilian clothes. This was his account:

Garcia wanted to know the reason for the visit. *"Ano ba ito?* (What is this)?" he said.

Galarpe said he was there to serve the four-page charge sheet and the one-page subpoena.

Garcia asked for a copy of the charge sheet, was handed the documents, and proceeded to read. "He was not so happy. But he is fine, he looks good and OK," Galarpe said.

After reading the documents, Garcia asked when he was required to submit a response. He was told that he had five days.

*"Sige, sasagutin ko 'to* (OK, I will answer the charges)," he said.

The trial is expected to start middle of next month.

## 10 days max

Garcia is charged with violating Articles of War 96 (conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman) and 97 (conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline).

He has until 9 a.m. of Nov. 3 to appear before the Jago in Camp Aguinaldo to submit his counteraffidavit for the pre-trial investigation to be handled by Lt. Col. Al Perreras.

The Jago prosecutes all erring AFP personnel before court-martial.

Galarpe said that while Garcia could file a motion to extend this period, the maximum allowable time to answer court-martial charges was 10 days.

The provost marshal himself, and Lt. Cmdr. Primo Repizo of the AFP's Inspector General, signed the charge sheet as Garcia's accusers.

Galarpe said he signed as Garcia's accuser because it was his office that dug up some of the evidence against the general.

After Garcia submits his counteraffidavit, the Jago will evaluate the evidence. If it finds prima facie evidence, it will recommend to the AFP chief of staff the holding of a court-martial for Garcia.

The maximum penalty for violation of Articles of War 96 and 97 is separation from the service. Since Garcia is due to retire on Nov. 18, he will risk losing only his benefits amounting to more than P1 million.

## Another deadline

The government is racing to keep on hold Garcia's supposed cash, stocks and assets amounting to P143,052,015.29 before the Court of Appeals' 20-day freeze order lapses on Nov. 3, Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio told the INQUIRER.

The Office of the Ombudsman yesterday filed a motion for the raffling of the forfeiture petition it filed late Wednesday afternoon against Garcia, his wife Clarita and their three sons before the Sandiganbayan.

The motion was granted, and the task of hearing the case went to the antigraft court's Fourth Division under Associate Justice Gregory Ong.

Villa-Ignacio had earlier aired the hope that the court would immediately act on the petition for the issuance of a writ of preliminary attachment on the Garcias' cash and other assets here and in the United States.

"If the deadline for the freeze order expires and there is no writ of preliminary attachment issued by the Sandiganbayan, then the Garcias are free to withdraw, hide and dissipate their assets," Villa-Ignacio said yesterday in a phone interview.

He said the writ being sought would be "global" in scope and application.

In seeking the writ, the Ombudsman said Garcia was reported to have recently withdrawn P19 million from the Armed Forces and Police Savings and Loan Association Inc. (AFPSLAI)—an act constituting an "evident flight of funds constituting ill-gotten wealth."

The Court of Appeals ordered on Oct. 14 a freeze of the Garcias' 40 accounts in six Philippine banks and in the AFPSLAI. The freeze was ordered on the request of the Anti-Money Laundering Council.

# AFP wives up in arms against Miriam

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But Santiago was not about to do as Abaya requested.

Interviewed over dzBB's "Double A sa Double B," Santiago said of Abaya: "Who's she?"

The administration senator said Abaya had no right to question her because the latter had not been voted into office and was only a "private citizen" married to a man who became the AFP chief of staff.

"I have been elected by voters because they want me to sit in the Senate," Santiago said. *"E siya, sinong naghalal sa kanya? Nag-asawa lang siya ng isang tao na sa bandang huli ay naging* chief of staff, *na akala niya ay* chief of staff *din siya. Pinapaalala ko sa babaeng iyan, sa ilalim ng Saligang Batas, maliwanag na* civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military (Who voted her in? She only married a man who became chief of staff and she thought she also became a chief of staff. I am reminding her that under the Constitution, it's clear that civilian authority is supreme)."

She said the Abayas were "both ignorant" of the Constitution.

Santiago also said that she was elected not to engage in a "fishwives' quarrel, which would trivialize the issue and demean the entire AFP."

She added: *"Itong babaeng ito, asawa lang ito ng heneral pero nakikialam siya. At biro mo, nagbibigay pa siya ng hamon sa senador. Naghahamon siya na para bang inuutusan niya ako* (This woman is a mere wife of a general, but she is interfering. Imagine, she is challenging a senator, as though she is ordering me what to do)."

THE LADIES Club of the Philippine Army's officers wives is not a social club, stresses the new AFP first lady, Lorna Abu (left), during the inauguration of the first Philippine Army Dependents Library in Fort Bonifacio. ERIK ARAZAS

## 'We don't want that'

Amy Brillantes, wife of Maj. Gen. Ricardo Brillantes, said she and the other women had been witness to the pompous lifestyles of past generals' wives.

"We don't want that to happen to us," she said. "We are slowly instituting reforms."

Again echoing Susan Abaya's remarks, Lorna Abu said Santiago's accusations were "unfair to us."

"We have been busy raising our families while our husbands were in the field serving the country," said Abu, a mother of five. "We have so many things to do. We don't have time for parties."

Besides, she said, many of them were also career women with jobs. She said Abaya was an undersecretary of the National Anti-Poverty Commission who had been "pushing" them to work on their projects.

"It's very sad that these reports have to come out just as they are about to retire," she said.

General Abaya retires today as chief of staff.

The opening of the Philippine Army Dependents Library was attended by doctors, psychologists, nurses, bank managers and homemakers who had one thing in common: They were all married to Army officers.

Abu said the library would be replicated in as many Army camps as possible.

She said the project was started by an officer's wife who visited her husband in Bicol and noted the military dependents who were loitering around.

The project was discussed at a meeting of the Philippine Army Officers Ladies Club—a collegial body where "everybody is equal," Abu said.

She said the husbands were also consulted and approved the project provided that "we would not solicit funds from Army units."

"That was the first directive of General Abu," she said of her husband.

She added that they were also not allowed to accept cash donations from private donors, "only book donations."

## Not her job

Santiago said she was not obliged to disclose the identities of the wives of corrupt generals.

She said she delivered her privilege speech on Monday titled "AFP: not protector but predator of the people" to give the public the truth on the "Gang of 12" that had been causing P2 billion in annual losses to the military through the unlawful practice of "clearance and conversion."

"It's not my job to give names, dates, places," she said. "I'm neither a police investigator nor an NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) agent. This job belongs to the executive branch of the government, particularly the Office of the Ombudsman."

Santiago said building a case was the primary role of state prosecutors—"meaning to say, they will gather documents and look for evidence."

The role of senators, she said, was to "discuss national policy issues."

Should there be anomalies in government, "everyone will know, and we could call on resource persons or experts to testify, and help us craft legislation to eradicate anomalies," she said.

According to Santiago, Susan Abaya's call for her to name names only served to validate the "truth" behind her privilege speech.

"[These] wives are really meddling with the [activities] of their husbands," she said.

# Golez defies JDV, hearings to continue

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that the inquiry would continue: "We will do this for as long as it takes."

He said, stopping the inquiry would be "taken negatively by the public," including ordinary soldiers who would not want to see a "whitewash."

"They would become very discontented and disappointed," he said.

Garcia was not present at the hearing. No summons for his appearance was issued even for the last two hearings on Monday and Wednesday.

But Golez said Garcia would be called for future hearings if a lawmaker would request his attendance.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said yesterday that De Venecia's call proved that unseen hands were trying to manipulate the investigation.

"Why should he (De Venecia) stop it when the public wants to hear [the testimonies]?" she said. "And what's wrong with telling the truth?"

## Let legal process proceed

Lakas Representatives Prospero Pichay (Surigao del Norte), Antonio Cuenco (Cebu City) and Monico Puentevella (Bacolod City) echoed De Venecia's call on Wednesday that the hearings be phased out.

Pichay, chair of the bicameral Commission on Appointments, said the two committees had "exhausted relevant information needed for legislation."

"It's now time for [them] to draft any necessary bill that would involve reform in the AFP," he said.

De Venecia said the probe had established Garcia's ill-gotten wealth, and that his cases in court should now take precedence.

Cuenco said Garcia and "the other guilty officers" would have "no way out during these legal proceedings."

Puentevella said that since the cases against Garcia had been filed in court, the two committees should "let the legal process take its course."

## Overpriced medicines

At yesterday's hearing, Golez noted the alleged overprice of the medicines being procured by the AFP.

He raised the case of the AFP Medical Center which, he said, was buying drugs costing 25 percent more than what could be bought at Mercury Drug, the country's biggest medicine retailer.

Maj. Nestor Rayos, comptroller of the AFP Medical Center, explained that the difference in price did not constitute overpricing.

## Not cash basis

Rayos said that because the military did not buy on cash basis and paid suppliers two or three months after the purchase, the price of the medicines would naturally be higher.

Golez tried to press Brig. Gen. Roberto Sylim, commander of the AFP Logistics Command, on the question of whether it was involved in the so-called "conversion," or the practice of turning allocations for supplies and projects into cash.

But Sylim said the command only accepted, stored and distributed to the units those items procured by other military offices.

In another interview, this time with dyFM Bombo Radyo in Iloilo, Santiago denied that she was making sweeping accusations against top military officials only after Garcia's alleged ill-gotten wealth became public.

"Who is fooling whom? Does anyone believe that Garcia, who is only in J-6 (comptrollership), can do this without the other generals knowing?" she said in Hiligaynon and English.

"It's just common sense... If we just use our heads, logical reasoning... the chief of staff and others in the staff command knew this was happening," she said.

Santiago said that if Abaya was "really a champion chief of staff, why did he not divulge [Garcia's case] earlier? It only means he does not understand his work, or he is part of it."

The senator also said the top brass wanted to show that Garcia's case was an isolated one.

"But the facts of the case argue against that position simply because of the huge amount involved," she said. "I am perfectly justified in my conclusion that military corruption is institutionalized." *With Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau*

# Mistahs want Garcia stricken off PMA alumni rolls

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ciation held a consultative meeting the other day, which was attended by the presidents of the different PMA classes numbering around 100, to talk about their concerns on the ongoing probe of allegations of corruption in the military.

As a result of the meeting, Barias said the organization had filed a resolution to support the proposal of Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano to amend the law pertaining to the submission of assets and liabilities of public officers "to include a waiver on the part of the concerned public official of his rights under the bank secrecy law." This suggestion, Barias said, sought to cover all public officials, including military officers.

The organization also urged the incoming Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Efren Abu, "to initiate drastic measures to stem corruption in the military establishment."

## Stop conversion

Abu is due to assume command of the AFP today from outgoing AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya in turnover ceremonies at Camp Aguinaldo, the general headquarters of the military in Quezon City.

The PMAAAI also said that the practice of "conversion" in the military must be stopped. Conversion refers to the turning of funds for supplies into cash.

GET GARCIA out of the PMA alumni list, or so the clamor goes, according to officers of the alumni association during a press conference led by from left, Col. Mariano Santiago (PMA '67), C/Supt. Gerry Barias ('70), S/Supt. Herold Ubalde ('80), B/Gen. Rosalino Alquiza ('55) and Ma. Gen. Ma. Solquillo ('65). EDWIN BACASMAS

"We see this (conversion) as among the roots of corruption that has gone out of control and is now hounding the entire AFP," Barias said.

Although the intention is noble and necessary because of some defects in the procurement system, conversion has been a source of corruption and hence must be discontinued, PMAAAI chair Stim Munasque said in a statement.

Munasque said that while the PMAAAI was supporting the House inquiry into the alleged fund mess in the AFP, he cautioned Congress from "unduly compromising the integrity of the entire Armed Forces and the PMAAAI members in the ongoing legislative inquiry."

## Bodyguards to VIPs

As part of anticorruption measures, the PMAAAI urged the AFP leadership "to regulate the number of military personnel assigned as personal drivers and bodyguards to military officials, politicians and civilian VIPs."

"This practice is a drain to the personnel resources of the AFP and may constitute graft as it is the taxpayers money that is paying for the salaries of these military personnel. They could be of better use in the field to combat insurgents and lawless elements," the PMAAAI said.

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# Cardinal Sin now out of hospital

By Blanche S. Rivera

RETIRED Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin is finally back where he wants to be.

Sin, 76, was discharged from the Cardinal Santos Medical Center after 17 days of confinement due to arythmia or heart failure.

The cardinal, who gained international recognition for his role in the 1986 Edsa people's power revolt, left the hospital with his secretary Fr. Jun Sescon, his assistant and a private nurse around 8 a.m. yesterday.

"The fast improvement of His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin's condition has allowed him to leave the Cardinal Santos Medical Center and go home to Villa San Miguel. Further observations and monitoring of his health will be done at Villa San Miguel," the archdiocese of Manila's information office said in a statement.

Sin was undergoing his dialysis at the Villa San Miguel on Oct. 11 when doctors noted a sudden drop in his blood pressure and ordered that the prelate be brought to the hospital.

Sin suffered a heart failure and was unconscious for about three days. Except for immediate family and fellow clerics, the archdiocese barred all visitors to the cardinal, including President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Sin has a history of illnesses including diabetes and kidney ailment. He has been wheelchair-bound for about three years. The cardinal also suffered a stroke early last year.

The only thing that kept him excited before his recent confinement was the completion of the Cardinal Sin Village in Sta. Ana, Manila.

# NBI still has 2 more Nida witnesses

By Leila B. Salaverria

EVEN if four of its witnesses are missing, the National Bureau of Investigation still has two others in the Nida Blanca slay case who could help in the extradition of main suspect Rod Strunk from the United States, NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said yesterday.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez had earlier said Strunk's extradition might be delayed after four witnesses in the case could not be found.

"We still have two witnesses, they have not gone missing," said Wycoco yesterday. The two witnesses' statements were expected to be included in the extradition request for Strunk.

The NBI disclosed it had the two new witnesses in the Blanca slay case only last month.

One of the two was a woman who was able to describe a car that Strunk got into during Blanca's wake. Her description tallied with that of the other witness who said the car was used during surveillance operations conducted on Blanca weeks before her death.

The second witness was a man who said he participated in the surveillance.

Wycoco said earlier the two new witnesses could bolster the case against Strunk:

A United States District Court had denied the Philippines' request to have Strunk extradited to face charges in the death of wife, saying the evidence presented by Filipino officials was insufficient and contradictory.

Blanca (real name: Dorothy Jones) was found stabbed to death in her car which was parked at the Atlanta Centre in San Juan on Nov. 7, 2001. Her husband Strunk became the prime suspect and was charged with her murder.

The missing witnesses were three security guards of Atlanta Centre and the driver of another suspect in the case who is detained at the NBI, Philip Medel. The driver was identified as Alfredo "Aldo" Rodriguez.

Rodriguez was beaten up and left for dead in Tarlac shortly after he gave his statement to authorities.

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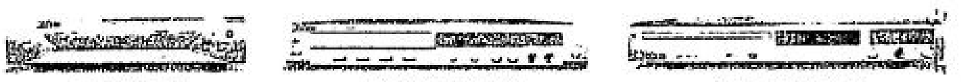

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# Arafat 'very sick,' medical team heads to his bedside

**RAMALLAH, West Bank—An ailing Yasser Arafat performed Muslim prayers before dawn Thursday and ate a light breakfast, but his condition remained serious and a team of doctors flying in from Arab countries will decide whether he needs to be transferred from his compound to a hospital, aides said.**

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, in a telephone conversation with his Palestinian counterpart, agreed to allow Arafat to be flown abroad for treatment but it remained unclear if that would happen.

On Wednesday evening, the 75-year-old leader's persistent two-week illness had taken a sudden turn for the worse. Arafat vomited after eating soup, then collapsed and was unconscious for about 10 minutes, a bodyguard said.

Aides urgently summoned doctors from Jordan and Egypt, and Arafat's wife, Suha was en route to the West Bank from Tunis to be by his side. Mrs. Arafat lives in Paris, and has not seen her husband since 2001.

Arafat performed pre-dawn prayers and later had cornflakes for breakfast, said Monib al-Masri, a long-time friend of Arafat who visited the Palestinian leader Thursday. "He prayed and he is fully awake," al-Masri said.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said doctors arriving from abroad, including teams from Jordan and Egypt, would decide whether Arafat needs to be moved from his headquarters to a hospital. The Jordanian team, including Arafat's personal physician, Dr. Ashraf Kurdi, crossed into the West Bank before noon.

Arafat has been confined to the sandbagged, partially demolished compound for more than two years. He has been kept inside both by occasional Israeli military blockades and by threats that he would not be allowed to return if he leaves.

However, Israeli security officials said Thursday that Israel is ready to guarantee Arafat's return should he seek treatment abroad. Israel is doing everything it can to avoid being blamed for Arafat's health problems, officials said.

Late Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon spoke by phone with his Palestinian counterpart, Ahmed Qurie, and agreed in principle to allow Arafat to be flown abroad, if necessary. The two men did not discuss whether Israel would ensure Arafat would be able to return, said Sharon aide Asaf Shariv.

Palestinian officials were giving conflicting assessments of Arafat's condition. Some insisted he was stable, while others said he was in serious condition. "We are preparing ourselves for everything possible," Palestinian Communications Minister Azzam Ahmed told the Al-Jazeera satellite television station.

One Palestinian official said Arafat has created a special committee consisting of Qurie, Abbas, and Salim Zaanoun, head of the Palestinian National Council, to run the PLO and the Palestinian Authority while he is ill.

ARAFAT delivering a speech on May 15, 2002. REUTERS

But when asked if Arafat had set up such a committee, Arafat spokesperson Nabil Abu Rdeneh said: "Nothing like that."

White House spokesperson Scott McClellan, traveling in Michigan with US President George W. Bush, said US officials were monitoring the situation.

In Israel, defense officials were meeting Thursday to discuss the fallout from Arafat's possible death. Israel has prepared contingency plans, including how to deal with possible riots and prevent Palestinian attempts to bury Arafat in Jerusalem.

The Israeli daily Haaretz reported Thursday that Israel has marked a possible burial site for Arafat in the Jerusalem suburb of Abu Dis, in the West Bank, and has taken the location of the plot into consideration in planning the route of its West Bank separation barrier. *AP*

## *Possible successors to Palestinian leader*

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Following are brief profiles of Palestinian leaders who could become candidates to replace President Yasser Arafat, who was described as "very, very sick" by officials on Thursday.

**Ahmed Qurie.** Prime Minister Qurie, 66, was a long-time ally of Arafat and the key negotiator in secret talks with Israelis in Oslo that led to interim peace deals in 1993. Qurie, also known as Abu Ala, gained a reputation as one of the more skilled Palestinian politicians in his role as speaker of the Palestinian legislature but unlike Arafat lacks charisma and has little popularity with the public. As prime minister he threatened to resign several times over Arafat's failure to give him sufficient powers, but was always persuaded to stay.

**Mahmoud Abbas.** Long Arafat's number two in the Palestine Liberation Organization, Abbas, 69, co-authored interim peace deals a decade ago that gave Palestinians limited self-rule. He served as prime minister for four months in 2003, but resigned after losing a power struggle with Arafat. Abbas has avoided public attention as much as Arafat sought it. He is an outspoken critic of the use of violence during a four-year-old uprising and tried to get Islamic militants to end attacks on Israel. Like Qurie, he lacks a popular following. .

**Marwan Barghouthi.** Seen as a possible successor to Arafat in the long term, Barghouthi is serving an Israeli jail sentence for orchestrating murders, a charge he denied. The fiery orator is widely regarded as the grassroots political leader of the uprising begun in 2000 and helped coordinate the first "Intifada" that ended in 1993.

Articulate with magnetism, Barghouthi, 45, became the most popular Palestinian leader after the president because of his perceived distance from corruption in Arafat's circle.

**Mohammed Dahlan.** Dahlan is a former interior minister and security chief in Gaza without an official post but remains perhaps the most powerful of several strongmen in a territory ridden by factional fighting. He is prominent in a younger pro-reform generation posing a leadership challenge to the old guard around Arafat.

Dahlan has been courted by international mediators as someone who could instill order in Gaza after a planned Israeli pullout next year.

**Rawhi Fattouh.** The Palestinian parliament speaker would by law become president for a 60-day period if Arafat died. But he does not rank as a important power broker and would probably act as a figurehead while others make key decisions. The 55-year-old Fattouh has been an Arafat loyalist but took the unusual step of suspending parliament sessions two months to protest at the president's foot-dragging over ratifying reform measures. *Reuters*

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# Russian troops linked to missing Iraq explosives

AN IRAQI Shiite Muslim girl stands at the entrance of her house during the visit of Iraq's deputy Prime Minister, Barham Salih to Najaf, Oct. 27. REUTERS

WASHINGTON—Russian special forces "almost certainly" removed the explosives missing from a military base south of Baghdad before the March 2003 US invasion and sent them to Syria, Lebanon and possibly Iran, The Washington Times daily said Thursday quoting a US official.

"The Russians brought in, just before the war got started, a whole series of military units... Their main job was to shred all evidence of any of the contractual arrangements they had with the Iraqis," deputy undersecretary of defense for international technology security John Shaw told the daily in an interview.

The official said he believes the Russian troops, working with Iraqi intelligence, "almost certainly" removed the high explosive material that went missing from the Al-Qaqaa military facility south of Baghdad.

The missing 380 tons of explosives over which the International Atomic Energy Agency raised the alert earlier this month have become fodder in the US presidential election campaign, with Democratic challenger John Kerry accusing incumbent Republican President George W. Bush of incompetence in his handling of post-invasion Iraq.

It is not clear whether the explosives—which are used in plastic explosives and could also be used in a trigger for a nuclear device—were removed from the site before or after the US-led invasion that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

The Washington Times' source is the first to give a clear indication of when the explosives were removed.

Shaw, who was in charge of cataloging the tons of conventional arms provided to Iraq by foreign suppliers, said he recently obtained reliable information on the arms-dispersal program from two European intelligence services that have detailed knowledge of the Russian-Iraqi weapons collaboration.

He said Iraq's most powerful weapons were systematically separated from other arms like mortars, bombs and rockets, and sent to Syria and Lebanon, and possibly to Iran.

The Al-Qaqaa facility, he added, was closely guarded, making it unlikely the explosives could have been stolen.

"That was such a pivotal location, Number 1, that the mere fact of (special explosives) disappearing was impossible," he said. "And Number 2, if the stuff disappeared, it had to have gone before we got there."

Separately, The New York Times—which broke the story of the missing explosives on Monday—said Thursday that looters stormed Al-Qaqaa after the US-led invasion.

Citing three witnesses, the daily said some of the looters came in trucks to haul off munitions, dismantled heavy machinery and office furniture.

The New York Times said that while the accounts did not address the question of when the 380 tons of explosives went missing, they "make clear that what set off much if not all of the looting was the arrival and swift departure of American troops, who did not secure the site after inducing the Iraqi forces to abandon it."

US Army Col. David Perkins, who commanded the brigade that first entered the Al-Qaqaa site in March 2003 said Wednesday his men only conducted a cursory search of the facility because their priority was to continue the march on Baghdad.

"The main focus was not go back and do a very precise inventory of how many shells and things like that because it was just not the threat at the time," he told reporters. *AFP*

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# Indon court told Bashir incited attacks

JAKARTA—Indonesian Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir went on trial on Thursday accused of leading an al-Qaida-linked militant network and for using his "religious charisma" to incite others to carry out bomb attacks.

Prosecutors said Bashir also ordered members of the Jemaah Islamiyah group to disseminate statements from al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden calling for war against Americans.

His terrorism trial is an early test of promises by new President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to fight militancy. The US Embassy in Indonesia said the trial could spark violence.

Scores of Bashir's supporters shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) as police carrying M-16 assault rifles led the bespectacled preacher into court. Bashir first waved but then silenced his supporters by placing a finger to his lips.

"It's clear I'm not guilty. I'm sure," the 66-year-old cleric said as he arrived at the court. He accused President George W. Bush from "Satan America" and Australian Prime Minister John Howard of orchestrating his trial.

"Everyone knows, schoolchildren know, it's Bush and his slave, John Howard," said a smiling Bashir, wearing a white Muslim skull cap and with a shawl draped around his shoulders.

Prosecutors have charged Bashir with leading Jemaah Islamiyah in relation to a suicide bomb attack at the JW Marriott Hotel in Jakarta in August last year that killed 12 people, along with blasts at Bali nightclubs in October 2002 that killed 202.

He could face the death penalty if found guilty.

"The defendant... planned and or moved other people to conduct terrorism crimes, on purpose and consciously using violence or the threat of violence to create the atmosphere of terror, resulting in mass casualties," said prosecutor Salman Maryadi, reciting the legal article being used against Bashir.

The trial was later adjourned until Nov. 4.

**BASHIR** gestures to his supporters to keep quiet during his trial. AP

Security was tight. One Bashir supporter punched a policeman outside the court, prompting a flurry of blows from the officer's colleagues but there were no other incidents.

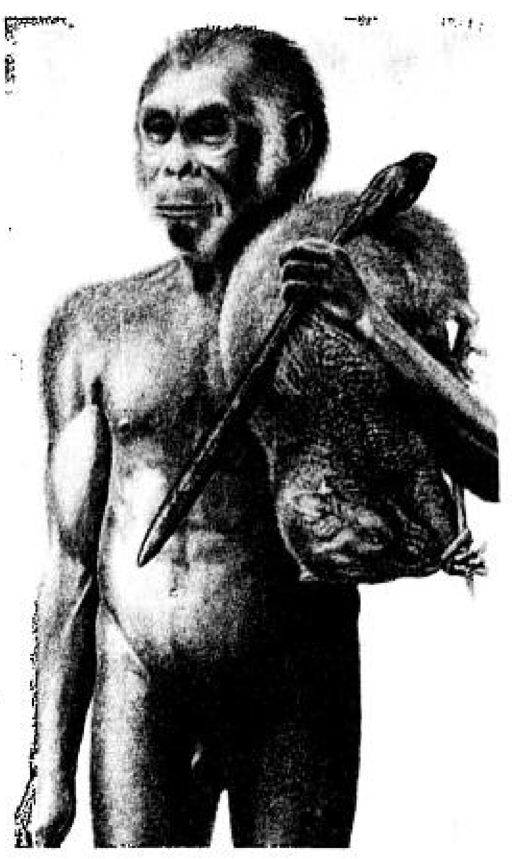
Authorities have blamed Jemaah Islamiyah for the attacks for which Bashir is charged, as well as for last month's suicide bombing at the Australian embassy in Jakarta that killed 10.

Prosecutor Maryadi gave no details of what crimes Bashir planned. But he said when Bashir visited a Jemaah Islamiyah training camp in 2000 in the Philippines his incitement prompted members to carry out the Marriott attack three years later.

The indictment said two months before the Bali blasts, Bashir met Amrozi, one of 30 people convicted over the bombings. Amrozi asked Bashir what he thought if "friends held an event in Bali." Bashir said it was their decision.

"Teacher (Bashir) possesses religious charisma.... Due to the calls from the teacher, these people then conducted bomb explosions in Bali," Maryadi said.

Plenty is at stake for new President Yudhoyono. *Reuters*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**An artist's impression showing a previously unknown human species discovered by Australian and Indonesian scientists on the Indonesian island of Flores and named Homo floresiensis, Oct. 28. Dubbed "hobbits," the skeletons of six one-meter tall people where discovered in September 2003 and are thought to be only 13,000 years old.** AFP

# Pakistan 'honor' killings: Death penalty seen as no deterrent

ISLAMABAD—The introduction of the death penalty for so-called honor killings will not stop the practice as it is still condoned by conservative sections of Pakistani society, rights groups say.

Pakistan's national assembly, parliament's lower house, passed a bill on Tuesday introducing the death penalty for honor killings, which the government says has led to the death of 2,774 women and 1,327 over the past four years.

The amendment also prohibits family members from pardoning honor killers and introduces a life sentence, which in Pakistan is 25 years, for accomplices.

"I think it was high time they did it. But, laws have also previously been there. Not as strong, but there have been laws to protect women's rights," Progressive Women's Association chair Shahnaz Bukhari said.

"Have they been implemented? No. I'm very concerned that this law should be implemented in the right spirit."

Honor crimes such as *karo kari*, in which a man and a woman are murdered for having illicit relations; occur most often in Pakistan's conservative rural areas.

Women are most often killed or mutilated by relatives in the name of protecting the family honor, with the practice regularly drawing condemnation from local and international human rights groups.

Rights activists in Pakistan say honor killings have been on the increase because killers act without fear of harsh punishment.

The cultural importance placed on upholding honor causes judges and police officials to be lenient, they say.

Under the laws that are being replaced, a murder to vindicate family honor "should be awarded the lesser sentence of life imprisonment," according to the Pakistani penal code.

The new bill's text admits honor crime cases are often not registered, properly investigated or fully prosecuted because they are tacitly accepted at many levels of society.

"Thus the accused very often gets away without any punishment or is not adequately punished," the text says. *AFP*

# India to get 10 new Mirage jets

NEW DELHI—The Indian Airforce is shortlisting pilots to fly in 10 French fighter planes amid a rumpus over the use of illegal middlemen ahead of the $350 million deal, military officials said Thursday.

"Since no middlemen were involved when the deal was signed we are going ahead with plans to bring in the 10 Mirage-2000H planes," a senior official said although Dassault Aviation did have a contract with an arms negotiation firm prior to India's signing for the aircraft.

"Selected pilots will leave for France next month for the delivery," the official added.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) signed for 10 fighters from Dassault Aviation on Sept. 19, 2002 to replace aircraft lost out of an 1985 order of 49 Mirages.

It also wants to buy 124 more modern fighters and according to highly placed sources Dassault is ahead of two other global military aircraft manufacturers in the race to win the massive order.

The Indian Express newspaper Thursday put a question mark on a possible deal with the French firm, arguing New Delhi will now have to blacklist Dassault in line with a 1989 law that bans the use of middlemen in defense deals. *AFP*

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# Thai PM admits 'mistakes' after deaths of 78 Muslims

BO THONG, Thailand—Thailand's prime minister expressed regret Wednesday over the deaths of 78 Muslim detainees who suffocated or were crushed while crammed into army trucks after a riot, but insisted his security forces acted appropriately to quell the rioting.

Hundreds of grieving relatives flocked to a military camp to claim the bodies, and outraged Islamic leaders warned the deaths could worsen sectarian violence in the Muslim-dominated south of predominantly Buddhist Thailand. More than 400 people have been killed this year in a revival of a long-simmering insurgency.

Human rights groups urged the government to investigate the deaths.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra acknowledged "there were some mistakes," and that authorities lacked enough trucks to properly transport the nearly 1,300 people arrested in Monday's riot in southern Narathiwat province because it was a public holiday.

Authorities had to "pile them up on top of each other, and they died," he said.

Gen. Sirichai Thunyasiri, commander of a task force on security in the region, said the military used only four trucks to transport the detainees, and that they spent more than six hours in the vehicles before arriving at an army camp in a neighboring province.

"We are sorry for that, sorry they met an untimely death," Thaksin told the Senate, which had demanded an explanation for the deaths.

But Thaksin insisted the military had used "the soft approach," and that soldiers "did not fire a single round into the crowd."

At least seven people also were killed in the riot, apparently shot by security forces, making the overall death toll 85.

Sen. Kraisak Choonhavan urged Thaksin to apologize publicly, saying the prime minister had "praised the military for doing a good job and making people die."

"The human rights groups should not sit idle—they should to try to get rid of this government," Kraisak told Parliament.

A Thai Muslim separatist organization, the Pattani United Liberation Organization, warned on its website that the fight will be brought to Thailand's capital, Bangkok. The group, however, is run by aging Muslim exiles, and is not believed to have much of a following on the ground in Thailand. AP

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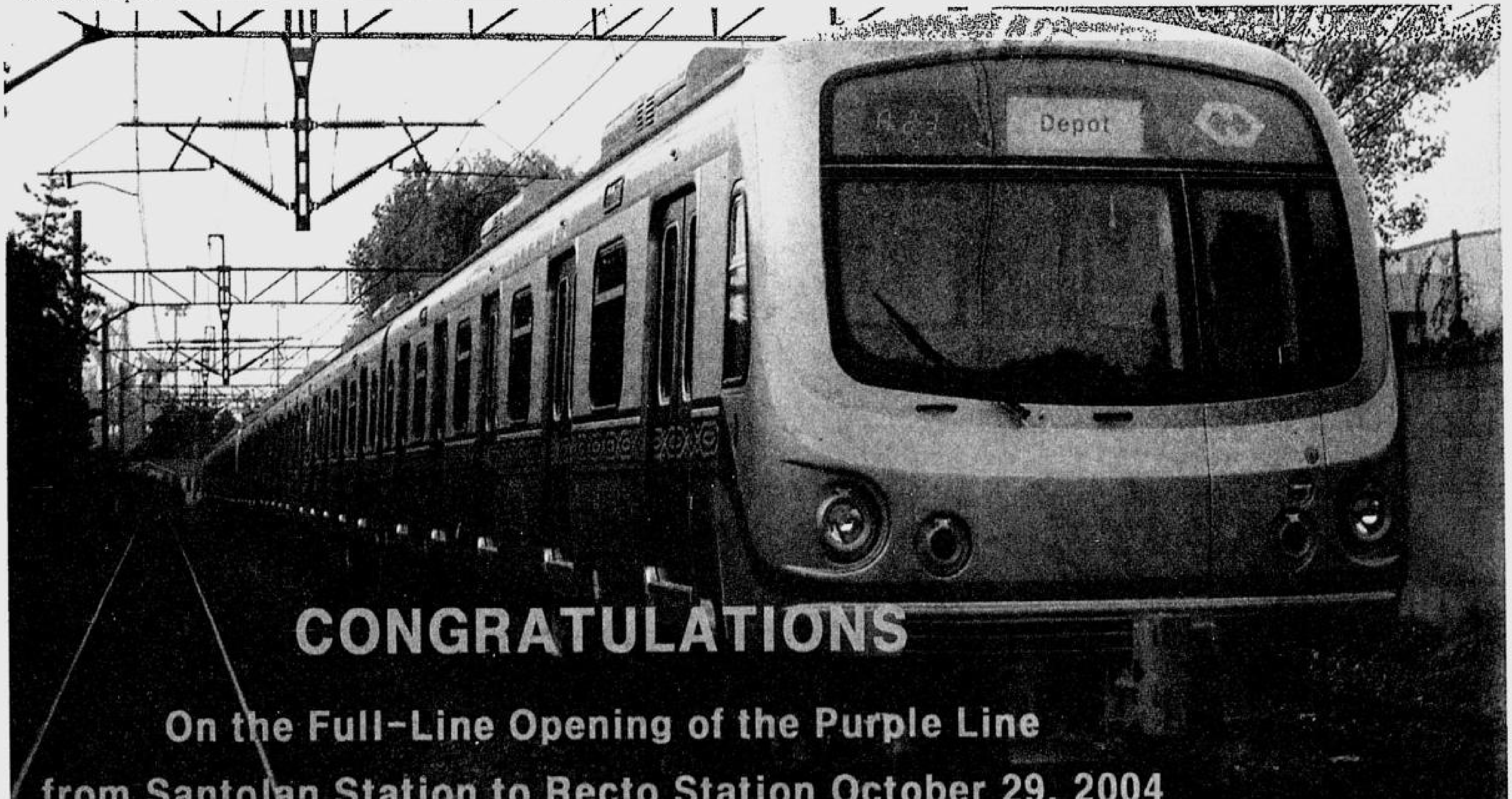

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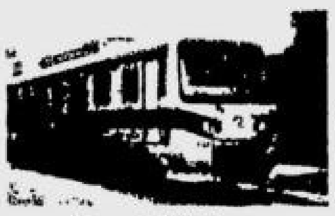
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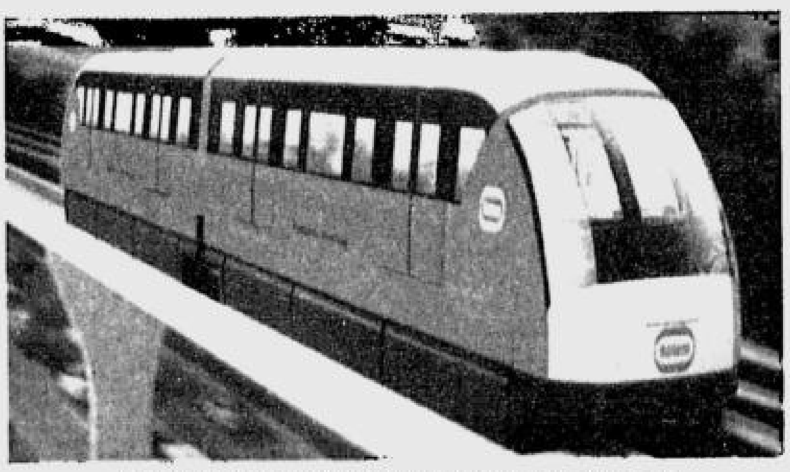
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# Destructive distraction

**EDITORIAL**

FEAR and rumors are contagious. In the case of recent rumors of coup plots being hatched, these have provoked fears verging on panic in the some quarters.

The apparent drift of the administration, combined with increasingly hostile rhetoric from some oppositionists, hasn't helped. President Macapagal-Arroyo has been perceived, first of all, as being stuck in an ever-expanding quicksand of her own making: the ever-increasing, and increasingly illogical, appointments made by her as well as attempts to tinker with the bureaucracy by creating new entities such as the Office of Special Concerns (whatever it is or whatever it is supposed to do). Some opposition politicians, such as former Sen. Francisco Tatad, have also been trying to shake things up by speaking darkly of the need to replace the President with a nebulous junta composed of a mismatched collection of prominent names.

Opportunists apparently want to make use of the corruption scandal involving Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia to tip the balance in their favor. Suddenly, the massive majority of the ruling coalition, and the President's astounding ability to muddle her way through even her own best efforts to sabotage her ability to rule, have an antidote. That antidote is the threat, whether manufactured or not, of military intervention.

Military intervention is precisely the sort of pressure the administration's stable of political operators lack the courage or the means to resist. For the opposition, the prospect of being backed with bayonets can compensate for the popularity it lacks.

However, both sides—the administration as it panics and suffers from the lack of allies willing to defend it, and the opposition in salivating over the chance to bastardize people power through a naked power grab—do not take into account the public and the military. If no large segment of the population is prepared to sacrifice in order to keep the administration in power, there is no equivalent segment prepared to risk all for the opposition. The same applies to the military. If some generals, whether out of fear of being exposed as crooks, or out of a genuine desire to change the system, want to mount a coup, they cannot be sure if anyone will follow them. After all, where would a coup lead the country? Would it lead to a solution to current problems?

Even former Sen. Gregorio Honasan, a coup expert if there was one, says no. "A coup attempt is totally uncalled for. It will not solve the problem," he told media.

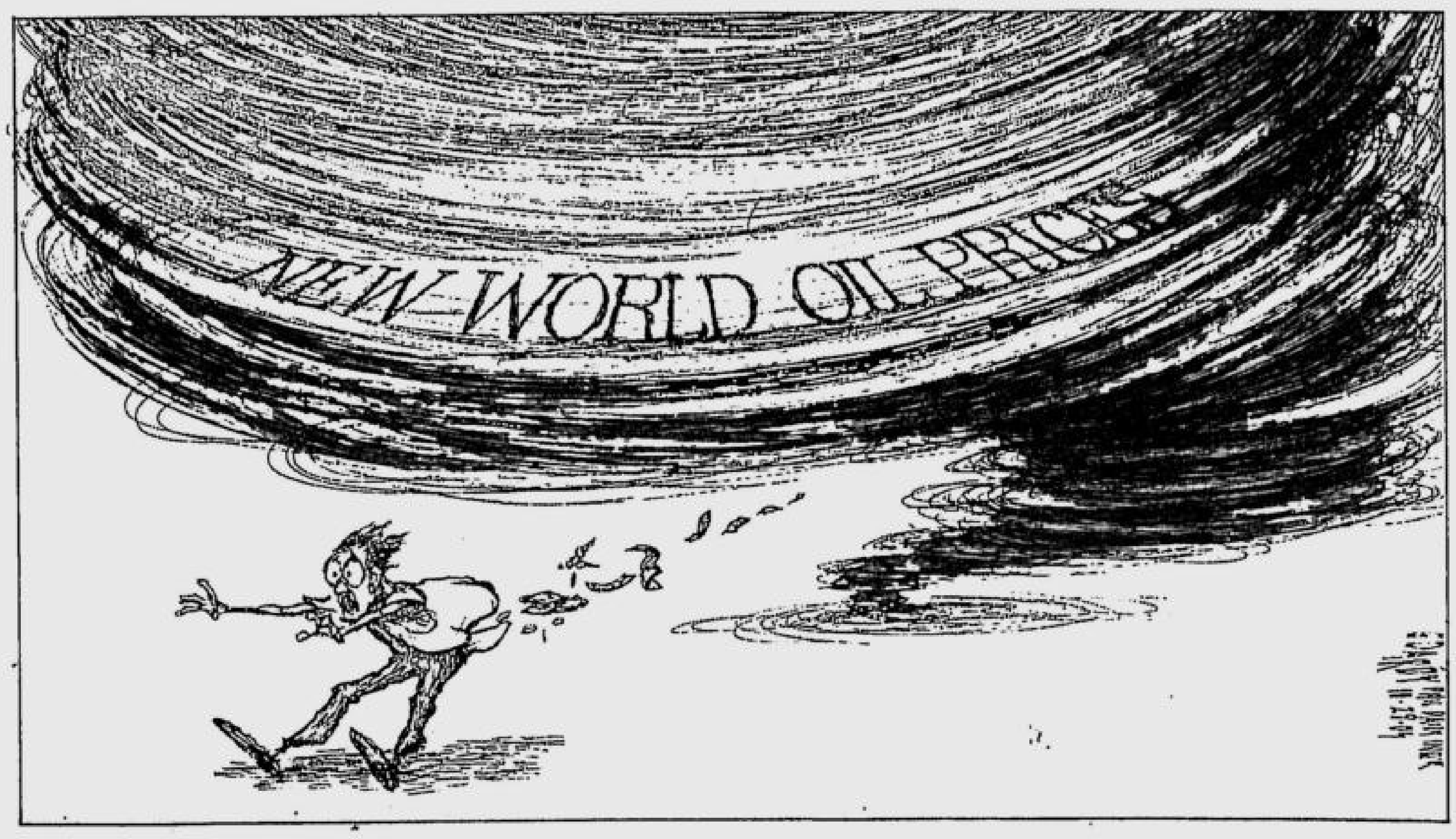
Would a coup help the opposition? Oppositionists weren't pleased by talk circulating last Tuesday that Sen. Edgardo Angara had met with the President. Their meeting seems to have born fruit, with Ms Arroyo announcing the other day that she had invited Angara and his Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino to join her in forging "a covenant of national unity." The opposition, as before, remains divided. It also has no love for—and is not loved by— many retired generals.

Would a coup help the military? It would only help to prove the rank and file gullible and the officer corps selfish beyond redemption. Coup fears, in fact, have been kept at bay by a growing suspicion that our soldiers aren't so dumb, and our officers so totally corrupt, that any significant number of them would be tempted to join a coup.

The truth is, plotting coups or circulating rumors of a coup is an act of desperation by officers whose desperation is shared by some politicians. Even if corrupt officers are outnumbered by fairly honest ones, it only takes a few to send the rest on red alert.

However much the administration may be adrift now, it can try to milk coup rumors for all they are worth, including a tactical alliance with some opposition figures. And no matter how divided the opposition may be, ambition springs eternal and coup rumors are useful to those out of power. And whatever it is politicians and generals actually want, coup rumors help to distract the country.

This is a distraction no one needs. These are fears the country can do without. The simple truth is, the only reason to attempt a coup is to protect the guilty.



# Have your dogs and cats spayed and neutered

**AS I SEE IT**

*Neal H. Cruz*

*(Continued from last Wednesday)*

IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners are the ones responsible for the dog and cat population explosion, not the animals. The animals have no choice and no control over their reproductive cycle. Their owners can have control by having their pets spayed or neutered, but they don't do this because they don't want to pay the fee for the veterinarian. So the pets breed continuously and their litters are given away or simply abandoned and grow up as strays that produce more puppies and kittens. So the cycle continues unending.

With ownership of pure-breed dogs now a status symbol, families illegally breed dogs for sale although the Animal Welfare Act requires breeders and pet shops to secure licenses from the Bureau of Animal Industry after fulfilling strict requirements. You see these illegal breeders advertising the sale of their puppies and kittens, but have you heard anybody arrested or prosecuted?

Many of those who buy these puppies do not know how to care for them properly. Neither do they really love or like them. They just want them as status symbols.

But unlike mongrels, the different breeds need different specialized care. Most of them need plenty of exercise but are kept cooped up in their cages.

Ownership of different breeds become fads for these status seekers. When the movie "101 Dalmatians" was shown, many families went out and bought Dalmatian puppies for their children only to realize later that they cannot be cooped up in apartments because they need lots of exercise (their ancestors ran behind Roman chariots). When the Doberman movies were shown, many bought Dobermans, and when the "Beethoven" series was shown, many bought St. Bernard puppies, only to find out later that the cute puppies grow up to become very huge dogs.

The most dangerous dog is the pit bull. It is a vicious dog. It was bred to fight and its fighting instinct is so strong that it sometime attacks even its owner. It should never be kept as a pet in a home with children. But many status seekers bought pit bulls to strut them at dog fights although the law prohibits dog fights. In fact, the dog should be prohibited in any neighborhood because of the danger to residents.

But because these pure breeds cost a lot of money, at least they are not turned out into the streets when their owners grow tired of them, unlike native dogs or mongrels, the so-called "*askal*" that are routinely abandoned because there is no status in owning them. These are the unfortunates that are rounded up by barangay tanods and dog thieves and end up either being euthanized in the dog pounds or as *pulutan* for drunkards.

Because of the status-seekers, the dog population explosion will get worse. Local governments try to solve the problem with euthanasia or by closing their eyes to the illegal dog trade and the disgusting habit of eating "man's best friend." But killing animals whose only crime was to be born is neither humane nor practical.

Despite these drastic measures to reduce the dog population, the Philippines has been downgraded from fourth to third highest in the world for human deaths due to rabies. It is obvious that mass killing to control the dog population is a failure. It is time we reevaluated our policy.

If we need family planning and birth control to control the human population explosion, isn't it logical that there should also be family planning and birth control to control the dog population? It is a simple matter to take the dog or cat to the vet and have them spayed or neutered. No religious problem there. But the irresponsible pet owners refuse to spend the few hundred pesos for the veterinarian's fee.

So an NGO, Cara Phils. (Compassion and Responsibility for Animals) is subsidizing the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. All you have to do if you are too stingy to pay for the "fixing" of your pets is to call up Tel. Nos. 824-7335 and 638-5544 and Cara Phils. will arrange for an accredited veterinary clinic to have your dog or cat spayed or neutered for free.

The Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) also has spaying and neutering services at discounted prices. It also takes in unwanted dogs and cats for adoption by caring families. Needless to say, these NGOs need donations to be able to carry on their work. And you can help this Christmas by giving gifts to your friends through them. PAWS will send cards to your friends saying you have donated funds in their names.

Cara Phils. is proposing to local governments that they consider the spay and neuter program. It has proven more economical in those governments that have tried it.

Such a program has been modeled after that of India. Faced with an enormous stray dog population and with the world highest rate of human deaths from rabies, India started off on the conventional route of catching and killing stray dogs. It soon became apparent that this method was a waste of resources; the dog population continued to grow.

Now in all major Indian cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta, Jaipur, Bangalore and Hyderabad, dogs are routinely caught, spayed and neutered and returned to their original location. Only extremely ill dogs are euthanized.

To illustrate the success of the program, Bangalore had a stray dog population of 500,000 in 1995. Last year, their number was down to 80,000 despite the fact that there had been no mass destruction. The spay and neuter program proved to be not only effective, bût also the only humane way, winning for these cities recognition from all over the world.

# Gated communities: Philippine version

**PASSION FOR REASON**

*Raul C. Pangalangan*

IN THE DIN of psy-war attempts to cow the investigators of Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, and amid threats of a coup by those who will save their dying credibility by killing it altogether, my thoughts turn to something truly scary: Halloween!

And how did this celebration, usually held in the cool bracing air of late autumn, get to be transplanted to tropical Philippines where it is celebrated in muggy, 30-degree heat (worse under the costumes)? I think it has a lot to do with the "villages," those privately developed and planned residential subdivisions that are known abroad as "gated communities."

In our country, we take gated communities for granted. We take them as the norm, as the preferred setup for residential areas. Not so elsewhere, not even among our Southeast Asian neighbors, where one can find wealthy areas interspersed among poorer neighborhoods, neither one segregated by walls nor guarded gates, each one flowing seamlessly into the other, much like the beautiful old neighborhoods in the genteel parts of Manila. They welcomed the sounds of real life: the *dyaryo-bote*, the *orig* in the environmental practice of recycling; the *taho* vendor, the *orig* in delicious vegetarian desserts; the dirty ice cream guy and his cart, the *orig* in micro-entrepreneurship and indigenized cuisine; the *vaciador*, the original Edward Scissorhands. You saw people walking in the streets, actually talking and having conversations. Very few such areas remain, and even hitherto open neighborhoods have been balkanized into a network of guarded roads.

I am not aware of any gated subdivision before World War II, but certainly the post-war Forbes Park is the *capo di tutti capi*, or to borrow Saddam Hussein's favored metaphor from the first Gulf War, the mother of all villages.

Why has the modern-day Filipino come to idealize the village setup? Because government has failed to provide us security and peace of mind. If government won't do it for us, we will do it ourselves. We will build high walls and post armed sentries at every guard post. If government won't collect garbage regularly, we will pay private garbage trucks to collect and discard it for us. Villages emerge by default, because government has abdicated basic service functions and citizens have taken over the erstwhile public functions and "privatized" it.. Thus the enclave, pockets of idyllic living where roads åre clean and quiet, the air is fresh, where a college kid who comes home in early morning and leaves his cell phone in an unlocked car outside will still find both the phone and the car in the morning.

But this is one solution that has spawned new problems. A recurring challenge is when private roads need to be opened up to the public to relieve traffic congestion—thus defeating the very purpose of carving out an enclave. The Bel-Air cases over Jupiter and Neptune streets have had several rounds of decisions before our courts. Likewise that portion of Katipunan Avenue in front of White Plains, as well as the land on which stand the garden stores all throughout that stretch. Dasmariñas Village has successfully blocked an attempt to open its roads when an underpass/flyover was being built close by, to the dismay of our road authorities.

When a bill was filed in Congress to enhance the power of local governments to force open subdivision roads, homeowners rose in protest, claiming it was a "taking" of private property. Not really though. The road is not "taken" from them; they can still use it. What are lost are those Mastercard moments: the steel gate which have to be broken to allow public access: P10,000; the joy of fresh air, a noise-free atmosphere, hassle-free ingress and egress to one's garage, and peace and security: Priceless.

Another new problem is the increased power of village associations. If indeed they have taken over some functions of the state, why shouldn't they start acting like the state? One Metro Manila village association tried to bar a kind resident who offered his employees free quarters in one of his spare houses in the village, until the association was sued and had to settle out of court. Another village enforced the "one-family, one-lot" rule—eventually upheld by the Supreme Court—and barred a sublessee who occupied a segregated portion of what was formerly a family home.

As we celebrate Halloween this weekend, I recall M. Night Shymalan's movie "The Village." What villagers create for themselves is a way of life, one that is possible only by keeping out the world and creating a world of one's own. Creating an enclave buys for its residents a chance to live the life they want in the here and now, without having to wait for government to reform—or for the generals to refund.

The short-term benefit is clear. It is the long-term peril that is hidden: that instead of reforming the world outside, we aim merely to perfect our world inside. We cease to care about changing the world, for as long as we can retreat to our nice little cocoons each night and during weekends. Remember that the original gated community in the country was Intramuros, surrounded not by a fragile fence but by a fortress, guarded not by the neighborhood blue guard but by the Guardia Civil to keep out those pesky indios.

To those who live in the modern Intramuros: Beware the insurrectos outside planning their revolution.

It takes the Filipino village to celebrate Halloween. We need to conjure fears and anxieties for Halloween because the rest of the year we face the real anxieties of living in the Philippines. On Halloween, it is merely the masks we fear and not the hideous face of our reality.

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# Military's last coup hope: sergeants

**ANALYSIS**

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THERE'S neither rhyme nor reason behind the scare scenario that the investigation of alleged corruption in the Armed Forces, focused on the unexplained wealth of former AFP comptroller, Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, could trigger a coup or another people power unrest.

Precedents and evidence surrounding failed coups since 1986 cannot make a case for a successful coup without popular support. In the wake of the sustained attacks on alleged military corruption over the past few weeks, threats of "military adventurism," in the words of Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, a former Marine general who helped squash some serious coups, have gained currency and caused some nervousness.

The administration has helped fan these purely speculative threats by putting the Armed Forces on red alert and asserting it is prepared to crush any "destabilizing" action.

According to Biazon, three retired generals had talked to him about possible "military adventurism" when they met in, of all places, the United States. The absurdity is at once evident, for how could one take seriously a coup launched from overseas?

True, massive corruption has historically been an issue used to mobilize political action to change regimes either through mass action or election. The Estrada regime is an example of a government toppled mainly over corruption. In most of our post-war governments, corruption has been a central mobilizing issue mainly responsible for the loss of power in regular elections.

There has been no case since 1986 when an overt military coup succeeded in directly overthrowing a civilian government on the issue of corruption. The most that military adventurism has done to topple governments, embroiled in appalling corruption scandals (e.g. the Marcos and Estrada regimes) was to act as a catalyst of civilian mass action. The Ramos-Enrile mutiny in 1986 sparked People Power I, which came to their rescue. The Angelo Reyes defection was in response to a mass action demanding change and led to the collapse of the Estrada regime in Edsa II. In both cases, popular mass action was responsible for the regimes' collapse.

So, when Sen. Aquilino Pimentel talks about the current scandal over military corruption providing the spark for another people power, we have a case of not reading precedents correctly. Sen. Joker Arroyo, a veteran and survivor of many coups during the Aquino regime, has strong grounds to dismiss the threats with the argument that a coup without popular support is doomed to fail.

The current controversy over alleged military corruption, no matter how outrageous, cannot be a trigger for another people power uprising or a direct military coup. There are two good reasons why military scandal cannot act as a detonator. The first is that it concerns mainly the military, hence, the case has no resonance to the civilian population. The cases involve disposition of military funds, either for purchase of supplies or boots for the troops, or conversion of funds to handsome retirement packages for generals.

Civilians are aroused when their governments are involved in corruption on the scale of the Marcos kleptocracy and the Estrada plunder. Then they pour out into the streets to demand the overthrow of the government. In no single case has the people ever gone to the streets since 1986 to support any military coup for whatever reason it was staged.

The public tend to view the current military scandal as an internal military issue. It can become an issue of regime corruption if the administration falters in cauterizing it, and if it is perceived to be whitewashing and covering up military officers involved in the scandal.

The other important reason a coup cannot be organized on the issue of military corruption is that it puts the military in a bad light before the public and splits the military down the middle. In the current scandal, the military has blemished its credentials and moral authority as a rallying point for a coup, and there is little reason for the people to rally behind the military as a better and cleaner alternative to civilian leadership. To rally the people behind a coup, the soldiers must first prove to the people they come with clean hands. Replacing civilian crooks with military crooks is no change at all.

One lesson learned from the Oakwood mutiny is that it failed because it could not bring people to the streets to support its idealistic aims. The mutineers' main issue was localized: corruption in the procurement of military supplies and even boots for troops on the front. The people did not identify with this issue. The idealistic posturing of the mutineers was vitiated by the fact that they had other, less lofty motivations than cleaning up the military of corruption. The coup was shown by evidence to have been financed by politicians who stood to gain from the overthrow of government

We are told that the possible sources of adventurism are two: a group that would lose opportunities for corruption from the current investigation; and another, said to be idealistic, that wants to seize power to get rid of corrupt officers.

In this scenario, it is not clear against whom the coup is directed. It is all too blurred. So, where does the chain of command come in?

In this muddle, the only thing that's clear is that the military has lost its credibility as an institution that can offer itself as savior of the country from corruption and as a source of inspiring political leadership. With the officer class tainted by corruption, maybe the soldiers' hope for recruitment of credible coup leaders lies in the ranks of sergeants—not among generals and colonels.

# A victory for women—and men

**AT LARGE**

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"A VICTORY for women but a tragedy for men" was how Justice Undersecretary Ernesto Pineda described, with little evidence of irony, the launching Wednesday of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9262, the Law against Violence against Women and their Children (VAW-C), as well as the Supreme Court Rule on VAW-C.

The justice department official, though, was put to right by no less than Chief Justice Hilario Davide who, in his keynote speech, reminded the audience that the event "is not really a defeat for men, but could even be a celebration of victory" since it could mean that "(men) have been freed from selfishness, pride and a tendency towards violence."

For many women at the signing ceremonies at the new session hall of the Supreme Court, the occasion felt not so much a celebration of victory as the end to many years' (decades, even!) hard work—researching, documenting, advocating, drafting and lobbying—on an issue and a law deemed central to the liberation and empowerment of Filipino women. And as we all agreed at the close of the ceremonies, it also means even more work to ensure that the new law and rules are not just implemented, but communicated. For if women, judges, prosecutors, lawyers and even barangay officials don't know about the new law, then it would remain useless and dead even before it could be fully tested.

But groundbreaking as it is, RA 9262 is not enough by itself. Sr. Mary John Mananzan, representing NGOs as chair of the Women's Crisis Center, pointed out that the law and its implementing rules and regulations would be "useless without a change of consciousness." It is, after all, traditional notions of male privilege and power that lead men to think they have the right to assert control and dominance—with violence, if needed—over the women in their lives. Thankfully, it was a male speaker, Canadian Embassy counselor Steve Kihara who issued a "call to fathers" on two imperatives. The first, to "raise our daughters to allow them to be full members of society." The second, to "encourage our sons to show respect for women and the dignity of their sisters everywhere."

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**EARLIER that day, women gathered at the home of Speaker Jose de Venecia for the launching of "Melissa Watch," which is an organized effort led by the Congressional Spouses Foundation headed by Gina de Venecia not just to monitor the progress of the frustrated parricide case filed by Melissa Martel against her husband Robbie, but also to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence and the provisions of the Violence against Women and their Children law.**

**As Bing Guanzon, one of Melissa's lawyers, mentioned, if Melissa, who is educated, well-connected socially and certainly aware of her rights, cannot find justice from our courts and the system, then you can imagine how desperate is the plight of poor and disadvantaged women who fall victim to abusive husbands and partners.**

**One of the factors that make women survivors of abuse especially vulnerable are their children, since by leaving their husbands they run the risk of losing custody to him or, if they fight to keep their children, are then burdened with the sole responsibility of feeding, raising and nurturing them. This is the plight that Melissa finds herself in, even if a lower court has already ordered that her husband grant her custody of her two minor children.**

**Indeed, no matter how wise and progressive our laws are, so long as the justice system is subject to corruption, political influence and cultural biases, justice will remain elusive for the most vulnerable and deserving of it.**

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TIME was when the Hundred Islands, which lie within the boundaries of Alaminos City, were considered the prime tourist destination in Pangasinan. But with time and neglect, particularly environmental degradation due to dynamite fishing and other environmentally destructive practices, the Islands have largely lost their appeal, with the coral beds dead or heavily damaged, and the beaches filled with litter and debris.

If Mayor Hernani Braganza, who traded a place in the Cabinet to take over the reigns of the local government of his hometown, would have his way, he would call a halt to the slow decline of the Hundred Islands this minute and use the potential tourism windfall from a revived Hundred Islands to spur further development in Alaminos.

This is why Braganza has dubbed Alaminos the "City of the Hundred Islands" and has used tourism as his "anchor" program. His goal: to make Alaminos the tourism capital of Pangasinan as well as the tourism hub of Region 1. Once the city enters into a co-management arrangement, currently being worked out with the Philippine Tourism Authority and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, it plans to embark on a beautification program and upgrade the facilities of the Hundred Islands Park to make it more attractive to tourists.

To kick-off the long-term revival of the Hundred Islands, the city is sponsoring "Adventure Hundred Islands," which opens with a three-night street party starting tonight, featuring four live bands nightly and a food festival and street bazaar in fiesta atmosphere. Among the planned activities are Senior Citizens Night tomorrow, with a "Bingo Bonanza" that offers contestants a chance to win a house and lot. On the third night, a Halloween party will be the main attraction where the winner of the Best Costume award will get a free cell phone courtesy of Globe.

"Adventure Hundred Islands" is conceived as an "integrated family oriented, environment-friendly, community-based sustainable development program" for Alaminos that, if successful, could offer lessons to other local governments on ways to raise revenues over the long term.

# Fighting poverty at the local level

**COMMENTARY**

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ABOUT one of every two poor households gets through the day with nothing in the stomach. This is the latest shocker from the recent Social Weather Stations survey, prompting the government to suddenly float short-term remedies such as handing out food coupons. And many people wonder whether this is the wisest option at this time.

But whatever path the Arroyo administration takes to respond to the problem, we always go back to the basic question: Can these make families get out of this miserable state?

I can still remember my Lolo's words when all of us were trying to convince him to vote for our candidate in the election before the last one. He said that whoever he would vote for would not really matter because he had been poor all his life. An election would not change his plight.

Not only is poverty felt by the body, it can also snatch away one's hope and the desire to dream.

Now we ask, is there something we can look forward to? Amid the economic woes, corruption and moral despair in our society, we cannot simply give up and stop aspiring for good things to come. Like the promise of the Millennium Development Goals or MDGs. These are a set of commitments forged by member countries of the United Nations, including the Philippines, to improve the lives of the poorest.

The MDGs are: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDs, malaria and other infectious diseases; ensure environmental sustainability; and develop a global partnership for development.

The first goal sets the following targets to be achieved between 1990 and 2015: halving the proportion of people living in extreme poverty; reducing the proportion of people with no access to safe drinking water or those who cannot afford it; halving the proportion of population below the minimum level of dietary energy consumption; and reducing by half the proportion of underweight children under 5 years old.

More than a decade has gone by. How is the country faring as far as meeting these targets is concerned?

The national surveys conducted by the government give us an idea about the subsistence incidence, or the percentage of "food poor" families in the country. A family is said to be "food poor" if its income falls below the subsistence threshold or the amount needed to satisfy food requirements. In short, the subsistence incidence measures the proportion of families among the poor who experience hunger.

The Philippine Progress Report on the MDGs released by the National Economic and Development Authority and the United Nations tells us that there has been a marked improvement in pulling families out of the subsistence threshold (subsistence incidence has declined from 20.4 percent to 16.7 percent) from 1991 to 2000. But what is happening across regions reveals quite a different story. Some regions such as the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu, Tawi-tawi and Basilan provinces) and Region 5 (Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon provinces) have a comparatively large and an increasing number of "food poor" families.

In terms of access to safe drinking water, the target is for 87 percent of Filipino households to have access by year 2015. So far, this is one area of success. In 1991, 73.7 percent of households already had access to safe drinking water. By 2000, this rose to 78.5 percent of all households. If this upward trend is sustained, the target could very well be achieved.

Malnutrition, however, continues to be a serious problem. In 1990, underweight children under 5 years old made up 34 percent of the under-5 population. By 2003, this figure declined to 31 percent. Not an impressive change, especially if we compare our performance with our Asian neighbors, as reported by the ADB. We have progressed at only about half the pace of Vietnam and Indonesia (Thailand is about to reach its target). And of course, a sizeable 87 percent is still to be hurdled as of 2003 to hit the target by 2015. Fighting malnutrition demands not just a piece-meal solution but a drastic and comprehensive strategy to wipe it out.

Obviously, there is still a lot to be done to fulfill the MDG. Localizing the MDGs is the government's basic strategy. That is why the Department of the Interior and Local Government has come out with guidelines detailing the options for local governments to meet the MDG targets. For sure, these mirror the needs of the poorest but dwindling local resources and the incapacity of local governments to provide much needed social services is a long-time dilemma for them.

Some headway has been achieved though in combating poverty at the local level. National agencies are preparing a set of guidelines for local governments to accurately target the poorest and help them out.

Some local governments are ahead in this effort. The Las Piñas city government, for instance, in partnership with NGOs, is now doing a comprehensive profiling of all its poor residents and will use the resulting data in its development planning.

A multi-sectoral initiative is also being spearheaded by the Participatory Urban Fora (PUF), a forum of national government agencies, local governments, private, non-government and people's organizations, to mainstream the MDGs in the local governments' plans and programs in 12 pilot cities (Muñoz, Antipolo, San Jose Del Monte, Tagaytay, Sorsogon, Marikina, Pasay, Muntinlupa, Mandaue, Calbayog, Island Garden City of Samal, and Iligan).

Bringing the fight against poverty to the local level is the way to go!

# From information to knowledge

**PINOY KASI**

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THINK of the country's top corporations and you usually think of oil companies, utility firms, banks and food manufacturers.

For the last three decades or so, these companies have indeed been consistently among the leaders in business. But BusinessWorld's latest yearbook on top corporations in the Philippines, released on Wednesday, reveals a major change, with information technology firms now dominating the economic scene.

For purposes of comparison, look at the 10 leading companies in 2000, based on total sales: (1) National Power Corp., (2) Manila Electric Co., (3) San Miguel Corp., (4) Petron, (5) Texas Instruments, (6) Pilipinas Shell Petroleum, (7) PLDT, (8) Caltex, (9) Nestlé, (10) Ayala Corp., (11) JG Summit Holdings, (12) Philippine Airlines, (13) Zuellig Pharma, (14) Coca Cola Bottlers, (15) Mercury Drug, (16) Philippine Associated Smelting, (17) RFM, (18) Procter and Gamble, (19) Unilever and (20) Purefoods.

For 2003, which was the focus of BusinessWorld's yearbook, we have the following leading 20 companies: (1) Texas Instruments (TI), (2) Toshiba Information Equipment, (3) Manila Electric Co., (4) National Power Corp., (5) Petron, (6) Pilipinas Shell, (7) PLDT, (8) Caltex, (9) Nestlé, (10) Globe Telecom, (11) Smart Communication, (12) San Miguel, (13) Philippine Airlines, (14) Mercury Drug, (15) Panasonic Mobile Communications, (16) Philips Semiconductors, (17) Fujitsu Computer Products, (18) Metropolitan Bank, (19) Coca-Cola Bottlers and (20) Hitachi Global Storage Technologies.

Note that eight of the top 20 companies are involved with information technologies, six of them as manufacturers of semiconductors and computers, and two (Globe and Smart) involved in mobile phone services.

### Loose change

Does all this mean we've made it into the information age, and that IT is going to be our major engine of growth?

Not quite. As I pointed out in this column last week, our role in the global IT world is still one of consumers (for example, of cell phones) and of providing cheap labor, whether to assemble electronic products and computers, or as workers for outsourced information activities such as call centers.

Excuse me as I rattle off a few figures, which are necessary for us to get a clearer perspective in relation to IT. Let's first look at Texas Instruments' gross revenues in 2003, which came to P159 billion. At P55 to a dollar, that is about $2.89 billion.

Awesome? Not really. In 2000 (the latest year for which I could get international figures on Asian companies), the largest Asian manufacturer of information equipment, Hitachi, had total sales of $70.24 billion, which is more than 20 times TI's figures. Hitachi, you will notice, also ranked 20th in the Philippines, but its revenues here, from assembly activities, came to a mere $541 million, loose change really.

The second largest Asian IT company, Toshiba, had 2000 sales totaling $50.472 billion while its 2003 revenues in the Philippines, for assembling products, came to $2.618 billion. Similarly, Fujitsu, the third largest Asian IT company, had sales of $46.133 billion in 2000 while its 2003 revenues in the Philippines came up to $627 million.

### Value added

My point is that there's a world of a difference between manufacturing and assembling. We have remained content with assembling products for multinationals while our East Asian neighbors, in allowing the companies to use their cheap labor in the past, also insisted on a transfer of technology. Even more importantly, these countries poured in huge investments into education, developing basic and applied sciences to produce a large corps of IT professionals and scientists who are truly catapulting East Asia into the global IT market.

Acer is a case in point. A few years back most Asians had never heard of the small Taiwanese computer manufacturer. By 2000, Acer was the 15th largest IT manufacturer in Asia, with sales reaching $5.662 billion, double TI's revenues in 2003.

Today, China, India and Singapore are following the example of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, starting out with joint ventures and imitation of the big players' products, but with value added through all kinds of innovation. In last week's column, I mentioned how India developed its own hardware and software to canvass 450 million votes within a few days. Easily, in a few years, the Indians can export their technologies to the United States (and maybe assure more honest elections than the one in 2000, where computer glitches resulted infamously in Bush's victory).

Yesterday's INQUIRER had a local call center spokesperson claiming their sector will bring in $689 million in revenues in 2004. But I've also mentioned India, which still has a major share of the outsourcing industry, sees the call center as generating loose change compared with software development. Last year they generated $9.2 billion from software exports.

### Knowledge workers

We need a major shift in the way we are to move forward and compete in the global IT market. It would help if we start and recognize our potentials not just as end-consumers of IT but as knowledge producers and knowledge workers.

Our much-touted assets—relative fluency in English and high educational attainment—need to be tapped in a way that we are able to process knowledge, for ourselves and for the world.

I could cite other examples of knowledge production that's needed. Most of our Southeast Asian neighbors now have their own electronic dictionaries, as they try to get more people to master English. We could use such dictionaries, as well as other products like Filipino spell-checkers.

We need more role models like Niel Dagondon, who developed Anino, a computer game that takes off from local folklore. That is an example of a value-added product that draws on what we have. The market is there, locally as well as internationally.

Knowledge doesn't have to be packaged only as electronic products. "Old fashioned" books are still badly needed. The recent exposés about inaccuracies in our textbooks are an indictment of the way we have neglected knowledge production. Given an educational system where textbooks mangle information, should we be surprised that Mercury, the country's 14th largest corporation, produced a calendar two years ago showing a mosque with a caption identifying it as "a place where Muslims worship Mohammed"?

If we are to "sell" ourselves to the world, as a hub for information technologies, we need to go beyond technical skills and show we appreciate our own store of knowledge, and our ability to think critically and creatively. Then maybe in a few years we'll find more Filipino firms, rather than multinationals, among our top 20 corporations.

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# Barbaric people

I AM the son of Evelio Javier. When I heard that Arturo Pacificador had been cleared of my father's murder, I felt utter disgust with us as a people. After some contemplation, I began to rationalize that it is only certain elements of the population who are as low and evil as Pacificador and the system that let him through.

Conrado de Quiros' column, (PDI, 10/21/04) however, summed up my feelings in a much more complete and elegant manner. We, as a people, are cheapened by our chronic inability to do justice.

My father believed so deeply that he would ultimately be accorded justice that he forebade his supporters from carrying guns. He would tell them, "If or when Pacificador comes after me, your families will suffer." He would frisk his people just to make sure. A few have told me that story and it still makes me angry to hear it.

What fuels my anger against this country most is that my father left us in the United States and went home to die alone. He called us two weeks before his death. He spoke to my mother, my younger brother, David and myself in turn. He said "goodbye" repeatedly.

I am angriest not that he left us, but that the country did not consider his sacrifice important enough to ensure that justice be done.

Nations take shelter at anything that challenges the things they hold sacred. Their reactions can sometimes be barbaric. After Guy Fawkes tried to blow the Parliament up, the English ripped out his entrails and cut out his tongue before tying him to horses and ripping him apart. Then they let him die.

Pacificador's crime is not just in the murder of the just and innocent, but in frustrating our deepest-seated desires for justice. What we have done makes us extraordinarily barbaric, far more than the English.

—GIDEON JAVIER

# Truth and justice in Javier's murder

THE ACQUITTAL of former Antique assemblyman Arturo Pacificador, the accused mastermind in the assassination of Gov. Evelio Javier, provoked various reactions from many Antiqueños. Being an Antinqueño myself, let me share some personal observations regarding the issue.

The killing of Javier was done brutally and those responsible for his gruesome death must be punished, but only if and when their guilt is proven beyond reasonable doubt.

The recent court decision, although considered by many to be inconsistent, was the product of the judge's careful and serious reflection and examination of facts and evidence. The court cannot decide on the basis of mere assumptions, or by force of public opinion; in case of doubt, the court is duty-bound to uphold the right of the accused to be presumed innocent.

The court ruling was an expression of justice, which is always two-faced—one for the accused, and the other for the victim.

The victim's family, relatives and supporters are still under the impression that the real mastermind of Javier's death is the one recently cleared.

The common and simplistic view, pointing at the former assemblyman as the mastermind—he being the political archrival of the late governor—is unreasonable and, in itself, an injustice. Pursuing this kind of argument is dangerous and could lead to fallacious conclusions. This is what the court has successfully avoided with its verdict.

But the quest for truth should not end with the decision. There are other avenues that could lead to the truth. We cannot exclude and trivialize their significance in our pursuit for social justice. Otherwise, we will be guilty of the crime of omission that we charge others of.

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# Why not 'trash barrel'?

A DAVAO lawmaker wants *waling-waling*, instead of *sampaguita*, as our national flower.

A governor wants to change the name of Negros Oriental to Oriental Negros. A general of the Philippine Air Force has allegedly changed his birthday to March 30, 1946 from March 30, 1949.

An INQUIRER reader suggests in a letter (PDI, 10/8/04) that the "fat cats," a metaphor for corrupt officials, should rather be referred to as "fat crocs" or "fat hyenas." Better!

These proposed changes remind me of the time Congress was kept busy changing names of streets, barrios and towns. Why don't we change "pork barrel" to "trash barrel"?

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# Watching one's fears on stage

WHEN Eve Ensler's "V-Monologues" was first shown in Broadway, my Big Apple friend-banker Nenette Co offered to treat me to that play, but I graciously turned her down for the simple reason that I would feel embarrassed being seen watching such a play.

When the same play made it to the Music Museum I still turned down invitations to see it. Upon reflection, I thought: since I have freely chosen the media as my field of ministry, why should I not watch it?

Just as I had to review it despite my hesitation and initial dislike, I had to review "The Last Temptation of Christ." Like a domino in action, I had to decode "The Da Vinci Code."

At the beginning the "V" was hilarious, funny, wacky. But toward the end when the pathetic conditions of raped victims, battered wives unveiled, it just tore one's heart.

To watch a play like this, one has to remove and shed off a lot of mental and cultural baggage. There were lots of words or topics that were not talked about until now. The "V" actually stands for "vagina"!

Decades ago, we could not talk of "condom." We had to use a very sanitary word, "prophylactic." "All About Men—Penis Talks" is an adult show for mature audience. It's the counterpart of the "V-Monologues," and just like the latter, it is a series of potshots against some of our hypocrisies and "plasticities."

A viewer of the play, Bobby Caballero, sees the cathartic effect of the play. When we see our fears or our inhibitions out in the open on the stage, we in a way objectify or put out the fears that we hide within ourselves.

Quoting priest-psychologist Fr. Leo Buscaglia, "Touch the pain and be free." If "V" can have monologues, why can't "P" talk? Compared to the "V-Monologues," the "P-Talks" is very theatrical. There is a lot of music, original and non-original, there are more characters and movements and choreography. On the cover of its playbill, the caption is, "I am not a penis ... I am a person."

The long and short of it, one's sexuality is not solely on his or her organ—it is his/her personhood. One's humanity is more on his/her capacity to be true to who he/she is, and to give real expression of himself/herself. A woman is more feminine when she is true to her being a woman. And a man is more masculine when he can give expression and stand up to what he believes in, come hell or high water.

But of course this standing up must be after a prayerful reflection and consultation with trustworthy friends and, if possible, your spiritual guide.

It should not be a matter of physicality (the "V" or "P" organs) but the real "essentiality" of my being a person who is happy being myself and free to express my time-honored beliefs and values. "I'm proud to be ME!"

—MSGR. NICO P. BAUTISTA,
Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna

# Not founded by Mexican soldiers

IN HER column, "Mexican soldiers in the Philippines" (PDI, 10/5/04) Bambi L. Harper claims that the town of Mexico, Pampanga was established by Mexican soldiers who were brought over by the Spaniards in the late 16th century. While it may have been said that "...Guachinangos of America's Mexico stayed in this Pampanga town" in that period, they could not have established it, for a prosperous settlement on the site was already in existence.

As pointed out by Mariano A. Henson, the settlement has been there since the pre-Spanish Kapampangan rulers of Central Luzon (1335 and 1380). The original and correct name of the town was "Masico," meaning "abundance" in ancient Kapampangan. The place was then known for its great abundance of water and the great quantity of rice it produced on its fine plains. (Fray Medina, O.S.A., cited by M. A. Henson)

In 1797, another Augustinian, Fray Cayetano Lopez, cited the foundation year of the parish of the town as 1577, under the patronage of Santa Monica. It was probably around this time that the Spaniards rechristened it to "El Pueblo De Mexico." The event appears to have coincided with the arrival of Mexican soldiers in the town.

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## Top Mindanao NPA leader slain in Zambo encounter

**PAGADIAN CITY—The highest ranking leader of the New People's Army (NPA) in Western Mindanao and one of his men were killed following a clash with soldiers in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, the military said Thursday.**

Brig. Gen. Eugene Cedo, commander of the Army's 1st Infantry Division based in Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur, said Mario Bagundol, chief of the NPA's Western Mindanao regional command, led at least 30 rebels on Wednesday and attacked a detachment of the Army's 4th Infantry Battalion in Barangay Datagan.

Cedo said a team of soldiers manning the detachment were outnumbered but they put up a fight.

One rebel was instantly killed while Bagundol, also known as Jally, was wounded and captured.

Cedo said the soldiers also recovered two high powered firearms.

"They (NPAs) left Bagundol critically wounded," Cedo told INQUIRER.

He said soldiers rushed the NPA leader to the provincial hospital in Dipolog City where he was treated for bullet wounds.

Bagundol died around noon Thursday.

Cedo said Bagundol was facing at least four warrants of arrest issued by local courts.

"He (Bagundol) was in our Order of Battle because of the string of atrocities he committed against innocent civilians," he said.

An army intelligence officer, who requested anonymity, said "it seems there was foul play in Bagundol's death."

He said militants had been visiting the rebel leader since Wednesday.

"Bagundol's death apparently provided relief to them (the militants and the rebels) because he could no longer tell us about the communist activities, as well as their supporters, including politicians in the region," the intelligence officer said, without elaborating.

Cedo said the military had been on heightened alert these past days after exiled communist leader Jose Ma. Sison issued a directive to rebels to step up attacks against the police and the military.

"But unfortunately (for them), we were ready," he said.

Peace talks between the government and the rebels have all but collapsed over charges of insincerity on both sides. *Hernan de la Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

## *Fish catch declining every year, says BFAR*

DAGUPAN CITY—The destructive ways of fishing and the country's ever increasing population are twin factors that deplete sea resources and the reasons the government emphasizes the need for aquaculture development, a fishery expert here said on Monday.

During the opening of the Fishery Conservation Week celebration, Westly Rosario, chief of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Research Center, said most people along the coastal areas of Pangasinan were still not aware of the ill effects of illegal fishing.

Eleven towns and two cities in Pangasinan face either the Lingayen Gulf or the South China Sea. Facing the Lingayen Gulf are San Fabian, Dagupan City, Binmaley, Lingayen, Labrador, Sual, Alaminos City, Bani and Anda, while those along the South China Sea are Burgos, Dasol and Infanta.

Bolinao is partly along the Lingayen Gulf and partly along the South China Sea.

"This is why we have to hold a motorcade along the coastal areas, to remind the people about the importance of the sea as it is still our main source of fish for our protein needs," Rosario said.

He said increasing population and the increasing number of fishermen had resulted in decreasing fish catch every year. *Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

## Ship catches fire off Siquijor; passengers safe, engine damaged

CEBU CITY—A passenger vessel of Trans Asia Shipping Lines caught fire yesterday dawn while sailing in waters off Minalunan Point, Siquijor.

No one was hurt among the 426 passengers and 42 crewmen of MV Trans Asia 1, according to the officials of the shipping company and the Coast Guard.

The vessel left the port of Cagayan de Oro City at about 8 p.m. on Wednesday and was expected to arrive at Pier 5 in Cebu City between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. yesterday.

Cebu CG Station Commander Elson Hermogino said fire broke out in the engine room at about 1:25 a.m., but it was placed under control after 30 minutes.

Lilibeth Tabañag, Trans Asia vice president for capital management division, clarified that the fire damaged only the auxiliary engine.

It did not spread to other parts of the engine room because the crew was able to put it out immediately, she said.

Tabañag said the main engine was not damaged although the crew decided to turn it off as several wires of the auxiliary engine were connected to it.

The auxiliary engine is used for the air-conditioning and lighting systems of the vessel.

Tabañag said that when the lights went off due to the fire, the passengers remained calm as the emergency lights were functioning.

The passengers were transferred to another Trans Asia vessel, the MV Asia China, which came from Cebu and was bound for Cagayan de Oro City. They were expected to board Asia China for Cebu last night. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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# Boracay resort owners reject report of DENR

**By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

ILOILO CITY—Owners of business establishments on Boracay Island in Aklan have denied reports that they have been ignoring measures to prevent water pollution.

Lara Salaver, president of the Boracay Foundation Inc., yesterday said protecting the island's environment was their major concern. The BFI is composed of 122 owners of resorts, restaurants and other business firms on the island-resort.

A report of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said less than half of the island's businesses operate with an environmental compliance certificate (ECC).

Only 50.5 percent of the hotels and restaurants and only 24.9 percent of the households on the island have installed pipelines connecting to the centralized sewage system, according to the report.

This prompted Environment Secretary Michael Defensor to warn the businessmen that they would face sanctions if they failed to apply for an ECC or connect to the sewage system.

Waste disposal has become a big concern of residents and resort owners in Boracay who fear environmental hazards could scare away tourists.

Tourist arrivals suffered a slump in 1997 when a coliform scare hit the island. The increase in coliform was blamed on inadequate septic and sewerage systems.

Salaver said all establishment owners wanted to connect to the centralized sewage system even though it would be expensive. But she said the pipes had yet to reach several distant areas of the island.

Perry Villanueva, in charge of the sewage system of the Boracay Water and Sewage System (BWSS), said the connection would cost about P1,000 for those near the 4-km sewage pipeline and about P40,000 for those who are far from it.

But he said the installation cost could be paid in installment within a year without interest. The BWSS is run by the Philippine Tourism Authority.

"We are surprised that the DENR came out with the report when we have been planning, talking and implementing projects with them (DENR officials)," said Salaver.

"We are inviting Secretary Defensor to visit Boracay to look for himself and see how we have been addressing the issue," she added.

Tourism regional director Edwin Trompeta said the DENR report was "just a warning" for stakeholders to double their efforts.

He said the resort and business establishment owners "have shown little concern for the environment."

Reports that only a few are connected to the centralized sewage system "only shows how stubborn these people are," he said. Connection, especially for those far from the sewage pipes, would indeed be expensive, he said.

"It will be expensive when we talk of the environment. But do we have a choice? Can we ignore it and still expect to get the best of both worlds?" said Trompeta.

# Workers dig up 122 World War II bombs

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Workers at a construction site in Barangay Poblacion Dos in Cuenca, Batangas unearthed 122 World War II-vintage bombs after almost two days of excavation, police said yesterday.

Senior Supt. Francisco Don Montenegro, Batangas police chief, said the bombs discovered from the site have already been placed under the custody of the Explosive and Ordnance Division of the Philippine Air Force in Fernando Air Base in Lipa City for safekeeping.

He said the discovery of the bombs, believed to have been used during the Japanese occupation in the 1940s, started on Tuesday morning when a worker noticed a hard object from the site at around 10:30 a.m.

After the first bomb was uncovered, workers dug up dozens of others.

Until late morning yesterday, Montenegro said more bombs were still being unearthed.

He said the bombs still had active ingredients that can cause a big explosion if mishandled.

Montenegro also ordered the local police to put up security measures in the area to avoid any untoward incident.

He said some residents claimed that a small Japanese camp was set up in the town proper during the war.

The private land is owned by Benida Herbacio.

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### CONTRACTORS' ESTIMATES

# Pampanga exec says NLEX rehab too costly

**By Jun Malig**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A board member, who had built more than P300 million worth of roads in the lahar-ravaged town of Bacolor from the pork barrels of three senators, said the estimate of Manila North Luzon Tollways Corp. (MNTC) of P18.3 billion for rehabilitating the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) was "too high."

Board Member Aurelio Gonzales, who was a builder and contractor before he became a public official this year, told an *en banc* provincial board hearing on the impending increase in toll rates by 600-700 percent that it would take only some P6 billion to build 43 km of the NLEX using concrete materials, and only P6 billion using asphalt.

## Lower costs

Gonzales presented his estimates that showed the per-lane kilometer cost of concrete roadway using four layers of different materials at only P15.8 million, and the asphalt roadway using five various materials at only P13.6 million.

He said the MNTC cost was P42 million per lane kilometer. He said the MNTC should have spent a maximum of P10 billion to P12 billion in its rehabilitation works, including its state-of-the-art facilities along the NLEX.

MNTC officials, led by assistant vice president for public information and external relations Marlene Ochoa, attended the hearing and answered questions from the board members.

They, however, failed to answer Gonzales' disclosure because of its technical nature.

"The MNTC must be transparent about its basis for increasing rates. The public deserves to know the MNTC's basis for computation . . . If you ask me, I can readily say that if the toll rates are based merely on the cost of construction, then these are really exorbitant," Gonzales said.

Board member Nestor Tolentino, who also used to be a contractor and builder of roads and other public works projects, said the cost of rehabilitating the 84-km NLEX at P18.3 billion was too high compared to the P21 billion cost of the 94-km Subic-Clark-Tarlac (SCT) Toll Road.

## No right-of-way

Tolentino said that while rights-of-way had to be bought and new roads and bridges had to be totally built under the SCT tollway project, MNTC did not have to buy rights-of-way and construct new bridges.

"MNTC constructed only a few additional lanes because the 80-km roads and bridges, including the viaduct, already exist," he added.

Ochoa said MNTC was set to impose the P2.49-per-kilometer toll rate, from the original 33 centavos (which was readjusted to 52 centavos on July 15), along the NLEX "early December or before Christmas" this year.

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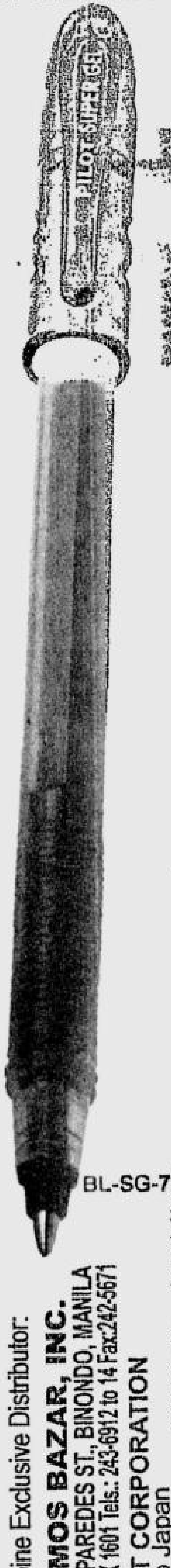

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# Army says 100 rebs, backers give up

JOVELLAR, Albay—At least 100 New People's Army rebels and supporters surrendered to the military yesterday.

Lt. Col. Serafin Raymundo, spokesperson of the 9th Infantry Division based in Pili town in Camarines Sur, told the INQUIRER that the communist rebels and supporters deliberately surrendered to the government because they were already fed up with the NPA organization's policy and the hardships they experienced in mountain areas in Albay province.

Prior to this mass surrender and oath taking, Raymundo said at least 107 rebels had surrendered earlier on Sept. 24.

He said the government was preparing to integrate the rebels into the mainstream of society through what he said was a holistic plan.

During the event there were no firearms presented but Raymundo assured that the rebels' guns would soon be surrendered.

During the surrender rites, held with the cooperation of this town's mayor and at least 20 government agencies, 5,000 poor individuals from the different villages of the town got free medical and dental treatment, free medicines and food packages. *Michael Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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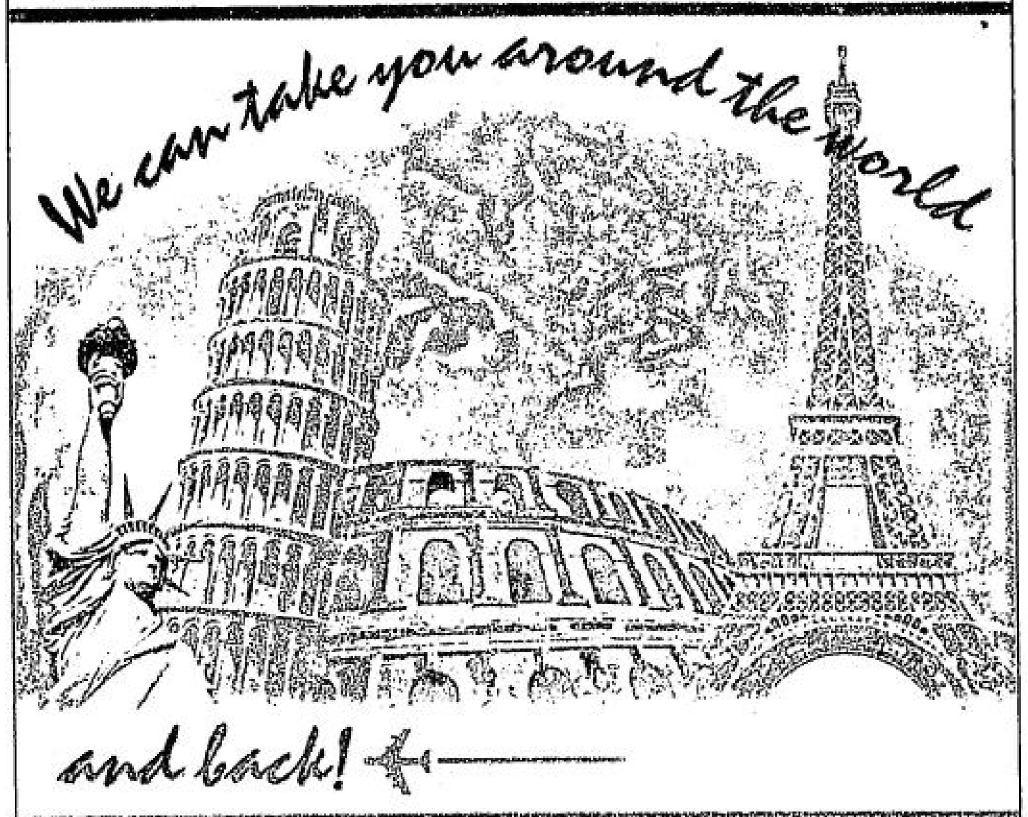
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Nuns from the Sisters of St. Paul in Dumaguete City escort President Macapagal-Arroyo inside a church in the sisters' convent in the city. Ms Macapagal heard Mass at the church during a visit to the city.

# Ecija governor welcomes casino in his province

PALAYAN CITY—While other provinces and cities seem reluctant to allow casinos and amusement centers in their areas, Nueva Ecija very much welcomes their establishment and operation..

"We are now talking about the final details for their establishment and operation here," Gov. Tomas Joson III told reporters here.

He said he has been meeting with top officials of the Philippine Amusement · and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) to iron out some kinks in the planned casino operation in this capital city.

He said city government officials had agreed to the plan and the city council had passed a resolution supporting the establishment and operation of a casino here.

In other provinces, like nearby Aurora, plans for the establishment of a casino have been opposed.

Aurora Gov. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo recently issued a statement that she would oppose any attempt to operate a casino in her province.

Religious and civic leaders seem always ready to oppose the idea of opening up a casino in their areas and this prevents their officials from supporting one.

"I see no vehement objection here about the operation of a casino and amusement center here. In fact, our people will like it because of the benefits it will bring to the province and to our people," Joson said.

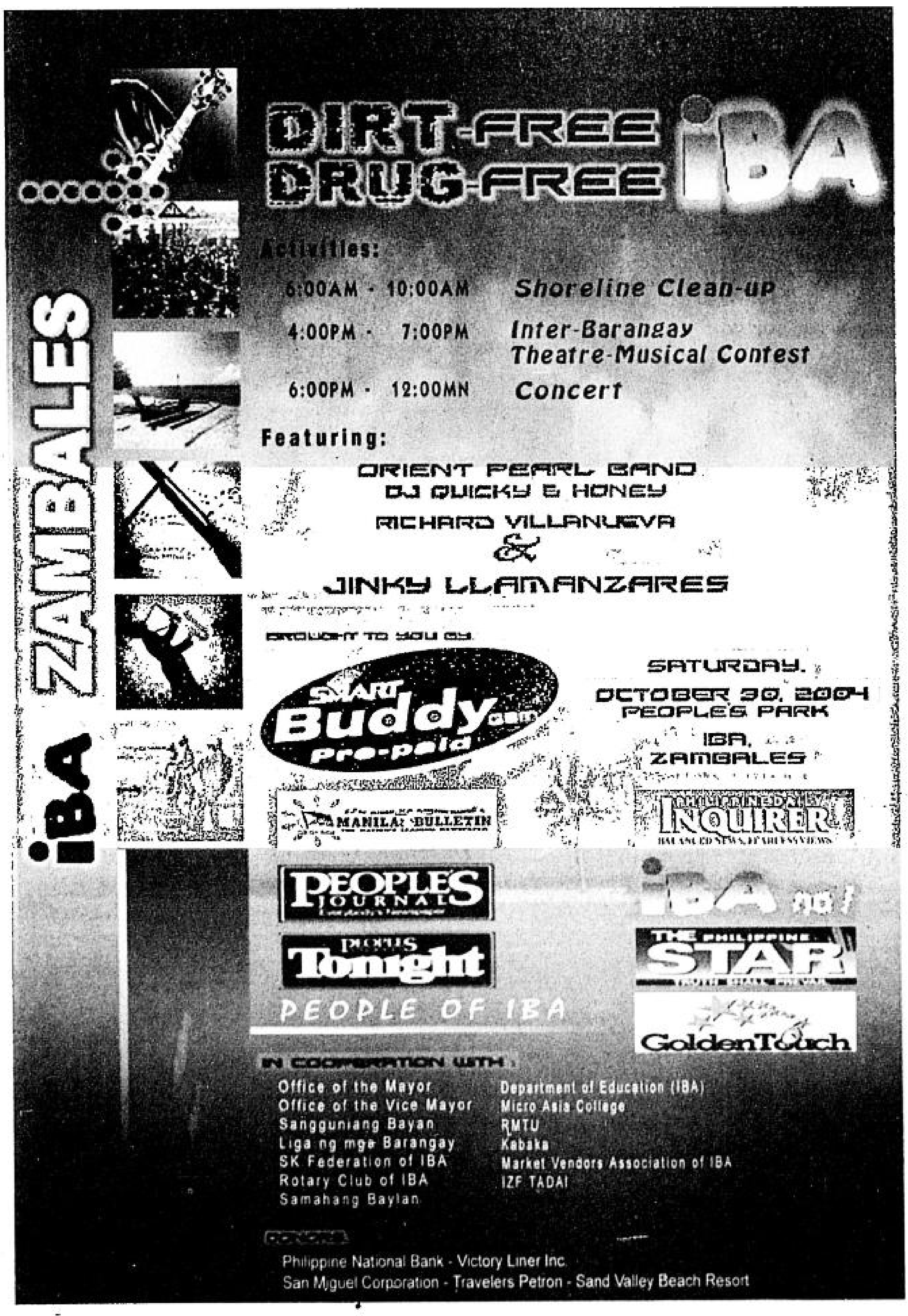
The provincial government and the city government here will have a sharing scheme on the revenues that will come out in the operation of the casino and arcade, he said.

He said the casino and arcade would complement a planned complex in one of the areas in the vast capitol compound here. He said the complex would have a hotel and villas.

Joson said he had already talked with rich Novo Ecijanos working abroad about the putting up of villas which they can use while they are on vacation in the province. The villas can be rented out when their owners are not in town, he said.

He said many of those he contacted in his foreign trips were enthusiastic about the project and were willing to finance construction of their respective villas inside the complex.

Joson also said the planned hotel would have features for the training of Novo Ecijanos, especially those studying hotel and restaurant management. *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



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# Factory cleared of pollution charges

MATI, Davao Oriental—The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources cleared Davao Union Cement Corp. (DUCC) of responsibility in the pollution of the Balite Bay here.

Residents of the coastal villages living around the 725-hectare bay have been protesting DUCC's operation since 1998 because the company's activities have allegedly been causing heavy siltation.

"We also thought that it was DUCC. But we are wrong. Results of our more than two years of investigation showed that DUCC is not responsible for the destruction of Balite Bay," Alfeo Piloton, BFAR chief in the province, said.

Piloton said the BFAR found out that DUCC "is very careful that its mining waste would not go to the Balite Bay."

"They put up highly sophisticated structures that would contain the mining waste from going to bay," he said.

The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) also cleared DUCC. *Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Group formed to save endangered turtle species in Isabela

SAN MARIANO, Isabela—Environment officials and residents here have formed a group to save the dwindling population of green sea turtles (Chelonia mydas) and hawksbill sea turtles (Eretmochelys imbricata) at the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP).

William Savella, Palanan community environment and natural resources officer and concurrent NSMNP protected area superintendent, said the reactivated Bantay Kalikasan and Bantay Dagat volunteers are doing their best in watching turtle sanctuaries in Isabela's coastal towns.

"The indigenous peoples in the area are very receptive now to the idea. They were enlightened after knowing that these endangered marine animals would disappear if they would not help us," Savella said.

He said volunteers have been teaming up with Department of Environment and Natural Resources employees in watching four nesting sites of marine turtles in Barangay Bicobian in Divilacan town, Dimatatno in Dinapigue, Diddadungan in Palanan and Didian in San Mariano.

## Nesting sites

Of the 47 areas within the protected marine park, four were confirmed to be nesting sites for endangered green sea turtles and two were nesting areas for hawksbill sea turtles.

"These deputized protectors of environment are helping us a lot. In return, they get incentives from us," he said.

Environmentalists earlier rediscovered nesting sites of sea turtles in Isabela beaches, 10 years after the first discovery. However, environmentalists recorded and validated reports that adult sea turtles were killed for food.

Because the nesting areas are susceptible to poaching, the multisector approach is needed to stop gathering of eggs and butchering of sea turtles, Savella said.

He said the practice of catching young turtles, which are killed, stuffed and sold to collectors abroad, has been minimized in the past years.

According to reports, there has been a 90 percent decline in the turtles' nest density in the three Isabela towns in the past 50 years.

The nesting areas are more than 600 km away from the nearest known nesting areas in the South Pacific islands of Micronesia.

## The Netherlands' help

The NSMNP is being developed by the World Wide Fund for Nature-Philippines through a P578-million conservation, protection and development program fund from the Royal Government of Netherlands.

Vice Gov. Ramon Reyes urged the WWF-Philippines to ask the Isabela government to declare the four villages as turtle sanctuaries.

"We are more than willing to pass a resolution about that (declaration of turtle sanctuaries) if that is the best way to protect and conserve the nesting areas. We can also ask municipal councils to do the same act," he said.

Aside from the turtle conservation campaign, the WWF-Philippines has also tied up with the Ilagan government for the reforestation and seedling production within the buffer zone of the NSMNP in Rang-ayan village.

The 72.09-hectare agro-forestry and tree plantation are planted with mango, rambutan, jackfruit, chico, pomelo, mandarin, guyabano, coconut, black pepper and narra.

At least 10,160 narra seedlings and 16,692 various fruit and nonfruit bearing tree seedlings were prepared for planting in the area, said Ilagan Mayor Delfinito Albano. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

**TREASURE**

JOE GALVEZ/CONTRIBUTOR

Schoolchildren and teachers of the Zumarraga Elementary School on Zumarraga Island in Western Samar escort a very precious shipment—books approved by the Department of Education and donated to the school by the Kaakbay CDI, a group that has embarked on a project to provide books to the most impoverished schools in the country.

# Court orders release of detained fishermen

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A court here ordered the release of 10 crew members of RD Tuna Ventures Inc. (RDTVI) from detention after fishing tycoon Rodrigo Rivera Sr. withdrew the mutiny charges against them.

The fishermen's jubilation over the decision was short-lived as the company's management dismissed them from work.

Rivera, however, pledged that the company would review their status. Some of them might be reinstated, he said.

Franklin Gacal Jr., legal counsel for the accused, said it was a victory on the part of the workers. RDTVI withdrew the charges to save face, he said.

Gacal also confirmed that the company had earlier asked the accused to sign a document asking for an apology from the company for the incident and to drop him as counsel.

"What is important to us was the accused were freed from detention," Gacal said.

On Sept. 29, Rivera filed mutiny charges against the alleged leaders of protesting workers who seized 15 fishing vessels and several other boats of RDTVI in the territorial waters of Papua New Guinea on Aug. 24.

"After a series of dialogues with all concerned and much reflection, we have come to the conclusion that industrial peace, health of the company in the long term, the liberty of the accused and the effect on their respective families have to be considered seriously," Rivera said in a statement.

The accused were arrested Sept. 29 on the strength of a warrant issued by the court.

The International Transport Workers Federation criticized the company for filing the charges, saying it reneged on its promise not to take retaliatory action against the protesting workers.

The six-day standoff in Papua New Guinea ended only after the intercession of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Bienvenido Tejano, Philippine ambassador to Papua New Guinea, said both parties would no longer take retaliatory action against each other. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Kidnap-slay suspects convicted of car theft

BAGUIO CITY—It took more than three years for the government to prosecute two college students, a landlord, and two of their accomplices for the murder of two University of the Philippines Baguio graduates here in 2001.

But it was the missing Toyota sedan of Giancarlo Leung that landed their suspected killers their first criminal convictions.

Judge Ruben Ayson of the regional trial court here on Wednesday convicted Raymund Testado, a student of the University of Baguio, Ronald Domalina, a student of the Baguio Colleges Foundation (now University of the Cordilleras) and Henry Bong Sison, Testado's landlord, of conspiracy in the theft of the Toyota that Leung was driving when he disappeared on March 8, 2001 with Tihani Tinghal.

Ayson sentenced the five accused to a prison term ranging from 14 years to 17 years for violating the Anti-Car Theft Law (Republic Act 6539).

He also ordered the five to indemnify Leung's mother Carlota; owner of the car, P569,600.

The five are undergoing trial before an RTC in Villasis, Pangasinan, for kidnapping and killing Leung and Tinghal.

Two of their accomplices were not identified in the court decision made on Oct. 15 but issued only on Wednesday.

Although the 24-page ruling dealt with the theft of the Toyota, Ayson pored over evidence that detailed the days leading to the abduction and murder of Leung and Tinghal.

Leung, a nephew of former Philippine Stock Exchange president Ernest Leung, and Tinghal disappeared hours after they were seen on a road near Leung's house on the night of March 8.

Leung's mother managed to negotiate for her son's release when the alleged abductors contacted her through her son's cellular phone.

Despite her efforts, the bodies of Leung and Tinghal were dumped separately in Pampanga and Tarlac three days later.

Ayson said testimony presented by a state witness proved the accused's culpability in the car theft.

Two witnesses identified Testado, Domalina and Sison as those in Leung's car on March 8. Another witness, Job Johann Calano, testified that the accused had spent the week tracking down Leung.

Calano told the court that he had accompanied Testado when the suspect took video footage of Leung at the UP Baguio campus.

Calano said he had declined Testado's request for him to kill Leung when all four of them met at a Baguio restaurant on March 8.

Calano said Testado was after Leung because Leung's fraternity supposedly assaulted one of their female members. Testado, Domalina and Calano belonged to the Samahang Ilokano and they identified Leung as a leader of another fraternity.

Testado, Domalina and Sison denied the allegations. Both Testado and Sison claimed they were in their apartments at the Milton House here when Leung and Tinghal were abducted.

Domalina testified that he had stayed home on March 7-9 before he returned to his parent's house in San Manuel, Pangasinan, on March 10.

Ayson also noted Domalina's claims that he was tortured by investigating police officers after he was arrested on March 16.

The judge said circumstantial evidence would cast doubts on the defendants' alibi.

The two government witnesses testified seeing the accused and Calano in Leung's car in front of a liquor store on Session Road. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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**To date, the private sector representatives to the SHFC Board have not been appointed despite President Arroyo's nomination in March 2004. We await the completion of the signing of the registration papers by the government representatives from the Department of Finance, Department of Interior and Local Government, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation and the HUDCC. We also await NHMFC's transfer of funds for the SHFC registration. We look forward to President Arroyo's nomination of the SHFC President.**

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# *GMA says gov't to honor pact with rebel faction*

**By Alex V. Pal**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

DUMAGUETE CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo on Wednesday said the government would ensure compliance with its final peace agreement with the Revolutionary Proletariat Army (RPA).

She said the peace accord with the RPA would be initially implemented in the eight barangays in the province's three towns—Sibulan, Siaton and Sta. Catalina.

It will be implemented in 23 barangays in eight towns and cities where the RPA rebels operate in the province, she added.

The President did not identify the five other localities but Negros Oriental Gov. George Arnaiz identified these as the towns of Amlan and Zamboanguita and the cities of Tanjay, Bais and Bayawan.

Under the terms of the accord, the first six months would be spent for community organizing and minimum basic needs assessment.

The President expressed hope that this process would be expedited in Negros Oriental because the provincial government has already laid the groundwork in community organizing in at least one of the sites.

The RPA and its political arm, the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pilipinas, entered into a peace agreement with the government on Dec. 10, 2000.

The group broke away from the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army in the early 1990s in the wake of widespread discontent over the leadership of Jose Ma. Sison, who is in self-exile in The Netherlands.

The RPA operates nationwide, but the bulk of its forces are on Negros Island.

The President arrived in Dumaguete on Wednesday night and had dinner with local officials at the Bethel Guesthouse.

She had an interaction with the local media outside the Bethel Guesthouse, which was cut short because of sudden rain.

The President stayed overnight. At about 8:30 a.m. she went to the St. Paul University to hear Mass to commemorate the school's centennial anniversary.

She proceeded to the Lamberto Macias Sports Center in Dumaguete to speak before about 3,000 children attending the Provincial Children's Congress.

# De Oro dad suspended for radio tirades

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The lone opposition councilor here has been suspended for 30 days for alleged irresponsible and malicious tirades in his daily radio program against his colleagues in the city council.

The suspension came from Councilor Zaldy Ocon's allegations that the council members divided among themselves a P100-million loan from the Development Bank of the Philippines in 2001.

Ocon, a radio commentator of "Kuskos Batikos" of dxCC RMN, has been critical of the administration of Mayor Vicente Emano and alleged that the mayor and members of the city council divided the proceeds of the loan.

The money was for the purchase of a 60-hectare parcel of land. *Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# *Media blamed for increase in corruption*

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present the latest batch of illegal recruiters that he had arrested. At one time, to attract media coverage, he brought along Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo to face the press.

**STO. TOMAS: Pat on the back needed.**

Sto. Tomas went on to point out that although the DOLE had closed down several illegal recruitment agencies, this had merited scant attention from the media.

"Part of the problem is the media, we don't get that kind of appreciation. You like to drag us all into the mud," she said. "If we do our job, it is not appreciated; if we don't, we are pilloried in the press."

## Pat on the back

In her talk during the conference sponsored by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Sto. Tomas also spoke about the need to give hard-working, honest and creative government officials a pat on the back, rather than criticize them for all their mistakes.

She also said government officials should not only show appreciation for success stories in public service, but to also make this known to the public.

*"Yung iba sa kanila, KSP lang—kulang sa pansin* (Some of them only yearn for attention)," she said.

## Garcia unappreciated

According to Sto.Tomas, former Armed Forces of the Philippines comptroller Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia would not be in trouble for graft now had he gotten some praise for a job well done when he was starting his career in the military.

Failing that, she said, Garcia might have decided to engage in corruption as an outlet for his frustrations. Garcia, who's retiring next month, is known not to have participated in actual combat during his entire military career.

Garcia is facing a court-martial and various criminal and administrative charges for allegedly accumulating close to P200 million in unexplained wealth.

## Doesn't cost much

In showing appreciation for a good job, Sto. Tomas said heads of offices do not even have to spend much money to do it. She cited herself giving a P200 gift certificate from a well-known fast food outlet to a staff member who worked overtime without pay.

She said the employee, who later left the DOLE for greener pastures, went back to thank her.

She advised government officials and private individuals attending the seminar to look at the bigger issues that drive government men into corruption, pointing out that the lack of appreciation contributes to it.

## Integral part

During the two-day seminar, other speakers and resource persons also noted the need for the media to be an integral part of the fight against corruption and for the Commission on Audit and the Office of the Ombudsman to be more transparent in giving media access to public documents.

**HARD evidence,** beams Sen. Jamby Madrigal, chair of the Senate committee on youth, women and family as she surveys the sex toys on display in Camp Crame, which had been confiscated last Monday from child pornographers during a raid in Angeles City, Pampanga. The senator joined the raiding party for her to be able to file a complaint against the offenders. EDWIN BACASMAS

# House passes 'watered down' bill …

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P26 billion over three years, House ways and means committee chair Jesli Lapus said.

This falls short of Malacañang's P14 billion target, but Lapus said the government must be realistic and impose only what could be "absorbed by the market."

The "sin tax" law is the centerpiece of eight tax measures sought by President Macapagal-Arroyo to enable the government to avoid a debt default in three years.

"The passage of HB 3174 sends a powerful signal to the international community that the Philippines is putting its house in order," Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. said.

For the bill to become law, counterpart legislation must be passed by the Senate, with the compromise version signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

## President pleased

Even before the House had finalized the sin tax bill, Malacañang boasted that it had broken the impasse on raising cigarette and alcohol taxes after futile attempts in the past seven years.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said the President was very pleased with the cooperation of the House.

"I appreciate the prompt actions being taken by the House in paving the way for our economic stability," the President said in a statement.

Ermita expressed confidence that "the leadership of the Senate will support our tax measures."

Rep. Abraham Mitra (LP, Palawan) said the "charm offensive" of Ms Arroyo with cigarette manufacturers helped ease the passage of the sin tax bill.

Mitra was referring to the President's meeting with representatives of the cigarette industry, whose lobbyists in Congress could have held up the timely passage of the measure.

"The last thing we need is a cigarette war," Mitra said. "President Arroyo should be commended for having made the tobacco giants smoke the peace pipe."

## Torn copy of House rules

But the opposition in the House was not happy with the passage of the bill. At one point during the debates, Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano (NP, Taguig-Pateros) tore his copy of the House rules.

"Rushing the sin taxes is immoral and is short-changing our people," said Minority Leader Rep. Francis Escudero (NPC, Sorsogon).

For her part, Rep. Darlene Antonino-Custodio (NPC, South Cotabato) described the passage of the bill as "an act of rape."

Party-list Rep. Joel Virador (Bayan Muna) questioned the vote count, noting that more than 10 lawmakers voted against the measure.

## No amendments

Rep. Teodoro Casiño, also of Bayan Muna, noted that lawmakers were not even allowed to introduce amendments during the debates.

"A saving grace to this bill, which would have been the earmarking of its proceeds to health and social services, an amendment I would have introduced, had become impossible with the railroading that happened this morning," Casiño said.

Rep. Florencio Noel (An Waray) said that HB 3174 did not correct flaws in the current tax system for cigarettes and alcohol.

Noel had proposed a unitary specific tax rate per pack of cigarettes to change the current system, which, he said, "encourages tax cheating."

Lapus said that the House's "timely passage" of the measure would give the Senate "enough time to deliberate on the proposal."

## Enrile against House bill

But Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile slammed the House-approved bill.

"They're favoring some people. I know them because I have encountered them in bicameral committee hearings on cigarettes," Enrile told reporters. He did not elaborate.

Enrile, who has proposed another cigarette tax bill, said the House version had made the tax system for cigarettes worse.

The House measure, he said, saw the widening of the gap in the tax rates between low and medium-type cigarettes from the current P4.48 to the proposed P5.35.

At the start of the hearing yesterday of the Senate ways and means committee on the proposed sin taxes, Enrile said that under the House proposal, the tax rates for high-end and premium cigarettes was now P5.03 from the current P4.40; P4.03 for medium and high cigarettes from P3.60, and P5.30 for the low and medium cigarettes from P4.48.

## Bias against poor

He said there seemed to be a bias against low-end cigarettes, which happen to be what the poor smoke. "Are we against poor people?" he said.

Enrile has filed Senate Bill No. 1815 that seeks to impose higher taxes on cigarettes to discourage smoking. The measure seeks a single rate for the excise tax.

## Too drastic

Fortune Tobacco president Antonio Abaya, a retired general, told reporters that the tax measure proposed by Enrile was "too drastic" and "probably would affect our market position."

"We have to study the matter," Abaya said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Juan Flavier supports the Enrile bill. "If you put a higher tax, the number of smokers would go down," he told reporters.

## Better health

He said resistance to the Enrile bill was due to the big tax to be imposed on low-end cigarettes, which accounts for 40 to 50 percent of the market.

"The opposing view is that it is afraid to reduce the market but Enrile and I are for lessening the smoking load, which would translate to better health for the people," said Flavier, a former health secretary. *With reports from Gil Cabacungan Jr., AFP and Reuters*

# 'Not valid for travel to Iraq' …

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The Department of Foreign Affairs yesterday began stamping this note on all newly issued passports in a bid to stop the flow of Filipino workers into Iraq.

Despite the ban on the deployment of overseas Filipino workers to Iraq, thousands of OFWs continue to be lured by high paying jobs in the war-torn country, usually by crossing the border from other Middle East countries. About 6,000 OFWs are believed working in Iraq, most of them employed in US military installations.

"It's an added deterrent against attempts by the OFWs to sneak into strife-torn Iraq despite the standing ban on deployment to that country being enforced by the Philippine government," Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo explained.

Earlier, only passports of Filipino travellers to the Middle East were stamped "Not Valid for Travel to Iraq." But the DFA decided Thursday to affix the stamp on all green passports issued to regular Filipino travellers, including OFWs.

## Kuwait lifts ban

The DFA move came a week after Kuwait lifted the ban on foreigners who want to cross over to Iraq. The DFA sent Ambassador Roy Cimatu to ask Kuwait to reconsider its lifting of the ban.

"The 'Not Valid for Travel to Iraq' stamp, used as a limitation to travels of Filipinos, is being adopted as a means to protect the lives of Philippine citizens, which is the spirit of the deployment ban in the first place," Romulo said in a statement.

Romulo earlier said he would exhaust all means to convince Iraq's neighboring countries, including Kuwait, to keep their ban on border-crossing until after Iraq holds its general elections in January next year.

## Ill-advised

Kuwait's lifting of the ban, he said, was ill-advised in view of the "fluid situation" in Iraq. Other officials expressed apprehension that Kuwait's move would prompt the other countries to ignore Manila's request to stop Filipinos at their borders.

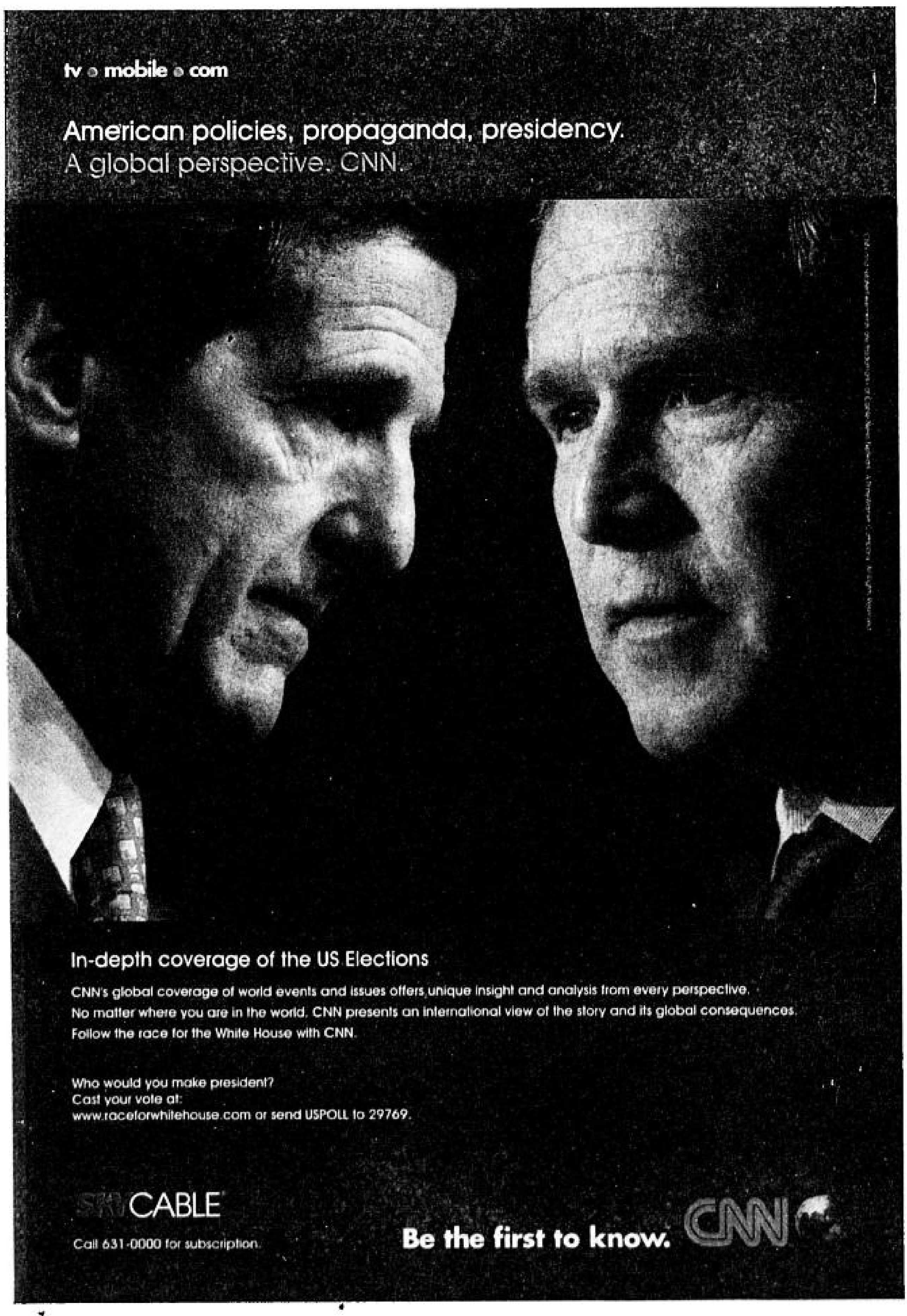
Just recently, an American diplomat was killed in a mortar attack in Camp Victory, one of the US camps in Baghdad which houses Filipino workers.

The government imposed a travel ban to Iraq in July after Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz was kidnapped and threatened with beheading by Iraqi militants who were demanding the immediate pullout of the small Philippine contingent serving with US-led coalition forces.

Iraqi militants freed De la Cruz, but Manila was severely criticized by the United States and its coalition allies for abruptly pulling out its troops in compliance with the kidnappers' demands.

## US military camps

Cimatu is reportedly on his way to two US military installations—Camp Anaconda and Camp Victory—to check on the condition of the OFWs there. He is also scheduled to meet with officials of the Philippine Projects International, a Dubai-based firm that employs the largest number of OFWs in Iraq. *With a report from AFP*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# LRT Line 2 opens Recto route today

**By Nancy C. Carvajal and Clarissa S. Batino**

DIVISORIA is now closer to shopping aficionado.

The usual one- to two-hour trip from Pasig City to Manila's bargain capital will now take only 20 to 30 minutes with the completion of Line 2 of the Light Rail Transit system or LRT-2.

President Macapagal-Arroyo will inaugurate today the line's Recto station, the last of the 11 stations of LRT-2 to be completed and set in operation.

Fondly called the Purple Line because of the purple line on the sides of its trains, LRT-2 runs from Santolan in Pasig City to Marikina, Quezon City, San Juan and C.M. Recto in Manila.

The 10,000-square meter Recto Station near the corner of Rizal Avenue will link LRT-2 with the Doroteo Jose Station of LRT-1. The older LRT-1 line runs from Baclaran in Parañaque City to Monumento in Caloocan City.

"LRT-2 and LRT-1 will be connected by an elevated walkway," said Mel Robles, LRT Authority administrator.

Robles said the four-story train terminal was the biggest of the mass rail stations. It has eight escalators and four glass-encased elevators with Braille for the visually impaired.

The ground floor, according to Robles, serves as the entry and exit areas for all, while the fourth which is the platform, serves as the arrival and departure area for the disabled.

The purple line consists of a 13.8-km elevated line from Santolan in Pasig City, westward to Recto in Manila via Marcos Highway, Aurora Boulevard, Ramon Magsaysay Boulevard and Legarda.

Robles said they expect 120,000 passengers to take LRT-2 everyday.

To accommodate the influx of commuters, Robles said eight vending machines were installed in every station for faster and easier dispensing of tickets.

The administrator said three women were trained to drive the train to add distinction to the purple line.

The P32-billion project was funded in part by the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

But while the latest modern transport system became fully operational, the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 or MRT-3 was already showing signs of wear.

For the third straight day, MRT-3 suffered a stoppage in operations yesterday after a power problem caused an explosion near the Buendia station.

On Tuesday, a computer glitch stalled operations in all 13 stations at 9:45 a.m.

The problem caused the automatic gates at the Guadalupe and Buendia stations to malfunction and fail to open, preventing passengers from boarding the trains.

The incident caused heavy traffic along affected portions in Edsa.

On Wednesday, a northbound train carrying about 800 passengers stopped between Quezon Avenue and North Edsa stations at about 11 a.m. due to a power fluctuation.

MRT-3 spokesperson Mariano Gui said the incidents were isolated and were immediately addressed.

MRT-3 general manager Roberto Lastimoso said the breakdowns were not related to the railway's request for a P10 fare hike.

Yesterday, Gui said, a Pasay-bound train that had just left the Buendia station suffered a power trip that damaged the chopper motor—a power source near the driver.

Gui said operations resumed after five minutes after the train was towed and its passengers transferred.

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# Girl, old woman killed in QC, Makati fires

**By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Margaux C. Ortiz**

A 14-YEAR-OLD girl and an 80-year-old woman were killed when fire hit a car repair shop in Quezon City and a densely populated community in Makati City.

Renilyn Cueto, 14, died of suffocation after she was trapped inside their bathroom when flames engulfed their shop on 15th Avenue, Barangay San Roque in Cubao, Quezon City, investigator FO3 Fortunato Alde said.

The blaze began at about 9:20 a.m. at the garage of Rannie Motorshop. Witnesses heard a loud explosion before the fire.

Because the shop was made of light materials, the fire quickly spread. Alde said Cueto could have panicked and rushed to the bathroom.

The girl's uncle Mar Cueto, 35, and William Romasanta, 22, who were repairing cars in the garage, sustained third-degree burns. They were brought to the East Avenue Medical Center for treatment.

Firefighters put out the blaze 30 minutes later.

Earlier, at about 11:30 Wednesday night, a lighted candle reportedly led to the burning of 50 houses in Barangays Guadalupe Nuevo and Cembo, Makati City.

Barbara Obiacoro, 80, of Obiacoro Compound, Sgt. Fabian Yabut Street, Guadalupe Nuevo, died after she was reportedly left behind as she slept.

Supt. Arsenio Tabajonda, Makati fire chief, said Obiacoro's granddaughter Shaylene, 18, lit a candle at the second floor of their house and forgot to put it out.

Tabajonda said the fire, which was put out at 2:30 a.m., destroyed P2 million in property and displaced 150 families.

# Students rally for principal

**By Nancy C. Carvajal**

STUDENTS, teachers and parents of Bagumbayan National High School in Taguig staged a rally yesterday for the retention of the school's officer-in-charge.

For the second straight day, morning classes were suspended as students converged at the school grounds to stop the recall of Renato B. Mesada back to the Taguig National High School.

The recall order dated Oct. 20, signed by Rolando Magno, Taguig-Pateros Schools Division Superintendent, advised Mesada to return to his post by Oct.25.

Mesada was assigned as the OIC of the Bagumbayan school in 2002.

"We want him to stay. He has been doing a good job," said Margarita Mallari, a sophomore.

Teachers, parents and non-teaching personnel supported the retention of Mesada.

# 2 more charges filed vs Martinez slay suspect

**By Tarra V. Quismundo**

NOW in jail on a murder charge, June Felizardo, one of the alleged killers of Western Police District Sta. Mesa station chief Supt. Manolo Martinez, is facing two new charges.

Two counts of frustrated murder have been filed against Felizardo in court in connection with the wounding of PO1 Conrado Cecillano and bystander Janette Chan, who were in the line of fire when five gunmen shot Martinez on Oct. 18.

Men armed with M16 rifles and handguns shot Martinez from behind a concrete wall on Santol Street as the police official alighted from his vehicle. Cecillano was hit on the left groin and right foot as he was walking towards Martinez.

Chan, on the other hand, was hit by a stray bullet on her left thigh as she stood near the crime scene while waiting for a ride.

In a resolution dated Oct. 27, assistant city prosecutor Rose Sharon Abila found probable cause to indict Felizardo for frustrated murder, after the Western Police District Homicide Section presented additional evidence on the injuries suffered by the two victims as a result of the attack on the police official.

The WPD had already filed charges of murder and frustrated murder against Felizardo during inquest proceedings on Oct. 21.

But inquest prosecutor Arthur Velasco recommended that only murder charges be filed against the accused, and sought further investigation in connection with the frustrated murder charges.

On Wednesday afternoon, Abila upheld Velasco's findings indicting Felizardo for murder. Velasco did not recommend bail for the accused.

With new evidence on hand, including medical certificates of Cecillano and Chan showing the extent of their injuries, Abila had also recommended that Felizardo be charged with frustrated murder. For each of the two counts of frustrated murder, Abila set a bail of P200,000.

Felizardo and a 15-year-old boy were later arrested in an alleged safehouse in Lower Tawi-Tawi, Caloocan City. The minor was eventually released for lack of evidence.

Felizardo was detained after witnesses identified him as one of the assailants in the Martinez shooting.

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# Ayala Ave. undergoes rehab, PUVs diverted

**By Margaux C. Ortiz**

BEGINNING today, buses and jeepneys will be barred from using portions of Ayala Avenue which would be undergoing repair and rehabilitation.

The lane improvement, a project of Ayala Land Inc. (ALI), would entail the temporary closure of public utility vehicles' (PUVs') loading and unloading lanes between Buendia Avenue and Paseo de Roxas from midnight of Oct. 29 to midnight of Nov. 16.

ALI officials said the objective of the project "is to prolong the lifespan of the asphalt overlay along the bus (and jeepney) stops which have continuously been subjected to extreme heavy load by PUVs."

They explained that the 18-day improvement work would include a half-meter deep excavation on Ayala Avenue's two outer lanes along the identified bus stops.

It would also include the strengthening of the base through the removal of soil or soft ground materials and replacing these with a concrete pavement which would then be laid over with asphalt.

The project will affect bus and jeepney lanes between Paseo de Roxas to Rufino (formerly Herrera) Streets if one comes from Edsa to Gil Puyat (formerly Buendia).

This portion is that fronting the JG Summit Center to the Madrigal Building.

From Buendia to Edsa, affected areas will be those between Salcedo to Rufino to Paseo de Roxas.

In particular, these are the PUV lanes fronting the unfinished JAKA tower to the Standard Chartered Bank building and the JAKA 6780 building to Manila Bank.

PUVs from Edsa going towards Gil Puyat will have to turn right at Paseo de Roxas, turn left at Makati Avenue, and turn left again at Gil Puyat.

PUVs coming from Gil Puyat going to Edsa must turn right at Makati Avenue, turn right again at Paseo de Roxas, and turn left at Ayala Avenue.

Private vehicles may use the inner lanes of Ayala Avenue for the duration of the bus lane improvement project.

# Eastern cities gear up for All Saints' Day

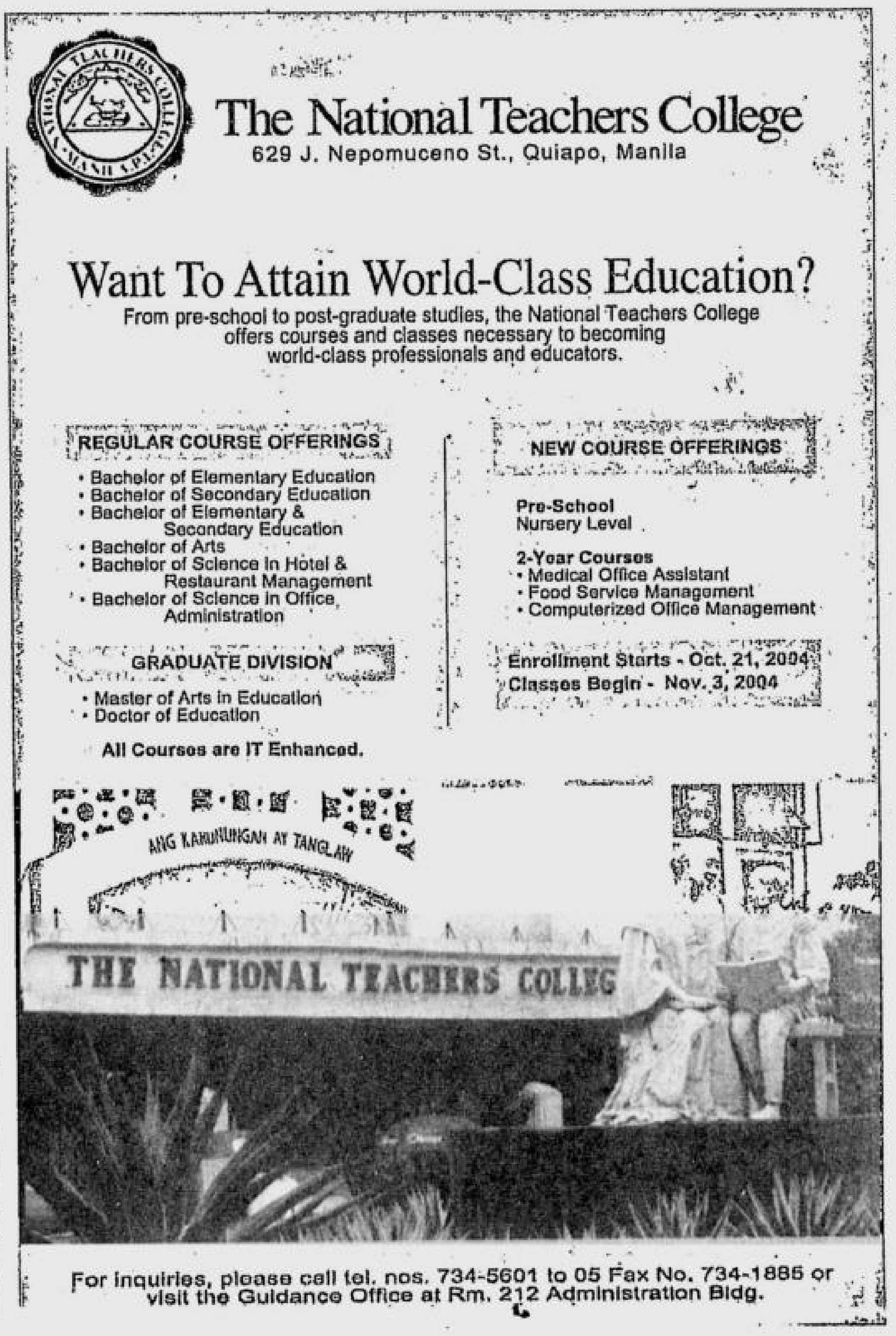
**By Ruth L. Navarra**

MORE than a thousand barangay watchmen, and 500 volunteers from different civic groups in Marikina will work hand in hand with personnel from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority to maintain order on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 respectively, when thousands visit their departed loved ones at the Loyola Memorial Park, the largest cemetery in the metropolis' eastern district.

Eastern Police District chief Oscar Valenzuela said that since they expect a minimum of 100,000 visitors at Loyola alone, most of their men will be concentrated in the area. Police Sr. Supt. Felipe Rojas said they would also coordinate with barangay watchmen in watching over homes of residents.

Mandaluyong City, on the other hand, will implement a traffic rerouting scheme for motorists starting Oct. 31.

All southbound vehicles traversing Boni Avenue should turn right at F. Ortigas Street, left to T. Bernardo and P. Gomez Streets and exit to A. Luna on their way to Gabby's. Westbound vehicles will follow the Boni Avenue route but will observe a one-way lane near the San Felipe Neri Catholic cemetery. One-way traffic areas are Parada, Martinez and A.T. Reyes Streets.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# Shell nips Alaska in OT for 5th straight victory

By June Navarro

**ILOILO CITY—Shell pieced together another sparkling performance on the road as the Turbochargers survived the Alaska Aces in overtime, 80-78, to keep their streak going in the Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup.**

Rich Alvarez completed a three-point play off Sonny Thoss, paving the way for the Turbochargers' fifth straight win and a share of the lead with the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals at 5-1.

This year's top rookie pick hit a lay-up, fetched a foul from the 6-foot-7 Thoss and sank the bonus charity for a 79-77 Shell advantage with 41 ticks remaining.

It was the Aces' eighth straight loss on the road since last year while the Turbochargers won their second consecutive out-of-town game after beating Red Bull in Cagayan de Oro two weeks ago.

The Aces fell to 1-5.

Billy Mamaril had 16 points, Alvarez had 12 while Tony dela Cruz tossed in 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Turbochargers in the game presented by Lactovitale, the official food supplement of the PBA road show.

Meanwhile, Enrico Villanueva looks forward to a role as his team's chief post player when Red Bull Barako faces San Miguel Beer at 7:30 p.m. today at the Araneta Coliseum.

Red Bull lost big men Davonn Harp and Mick Pennisi after both were found to have faked their claim to Filipino citizenship.

The Purefoods TJ Hotdogs (3-2) battle the FedEx Express (2-4) at 4:30 p.m.

**The scores:**

**SHELL 80**—Mamaril 16, Alvarez 12, Calagulo 11, Tubid 11, Cruz 11, Dela Cruz 10, Jackson 5, Legaspi 2, Sta. Maria 2, Ferreria 0, Bajar 0.

**ALASKA 78**—Cariaso 18, Cortez 17, Hawkins 13, Thoss 8, Cablay 7, Duat 6, Hugnatan 5, Feihl 2, Tejada 2, Padilla 0, Wilson 0.

**Quarters:** 15-20, 35-51, 51-49, 69-all, 80-78.

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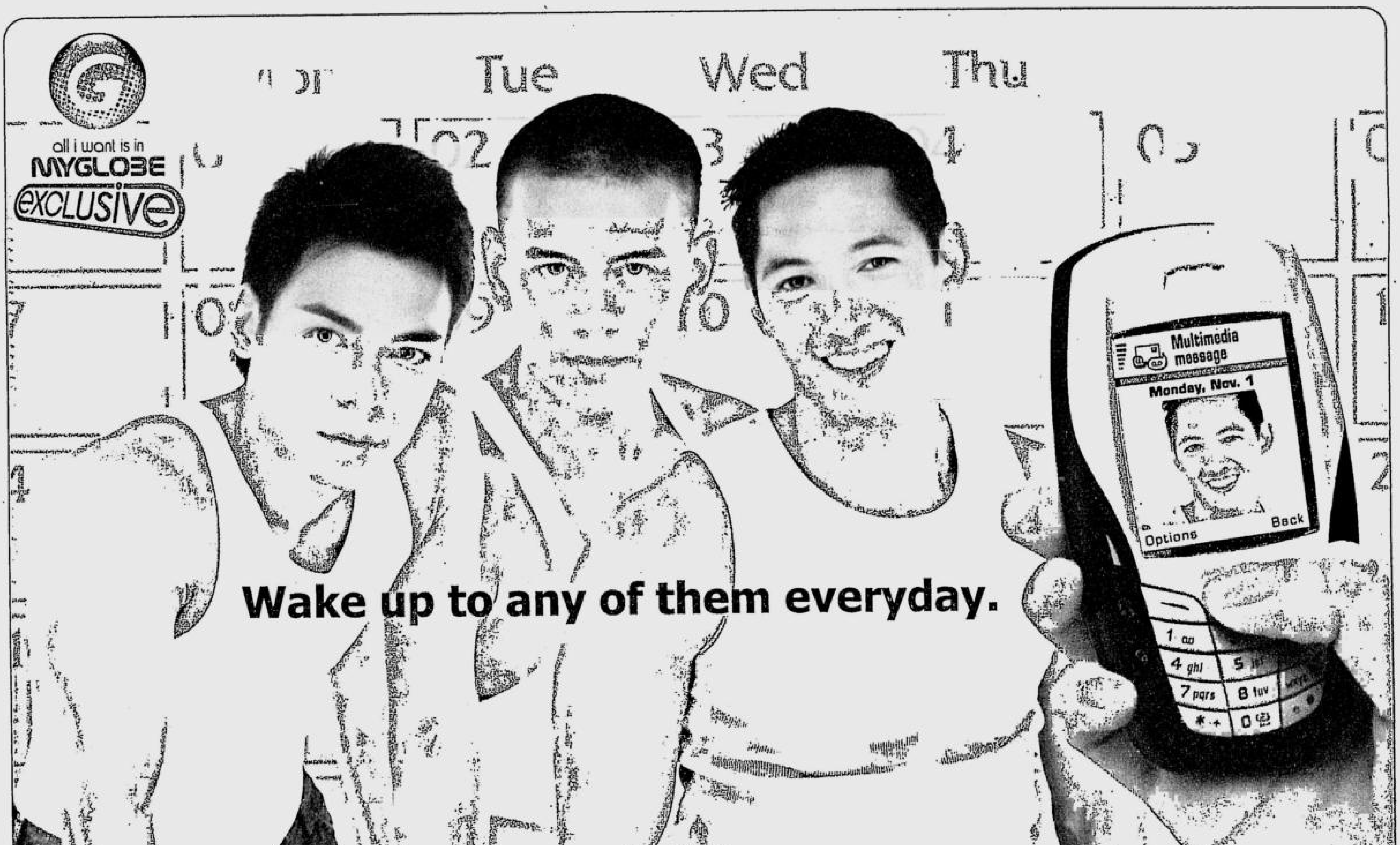
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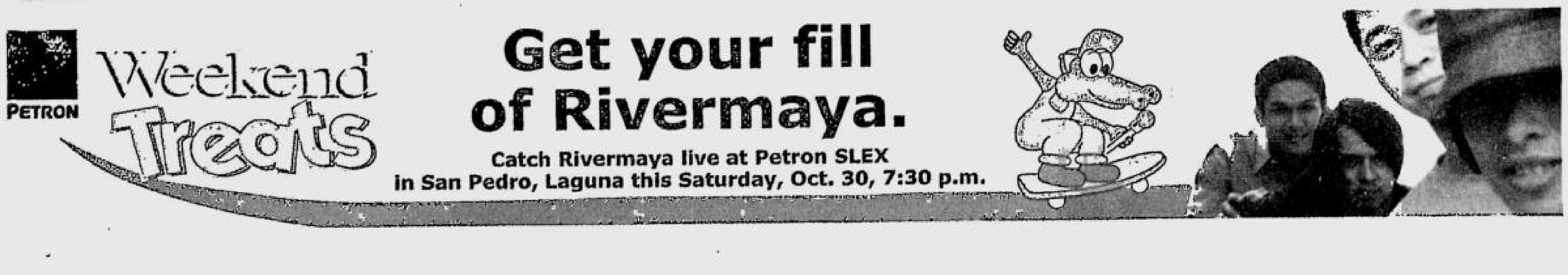
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# Sharp Paragua win sparks RP rout of Singapore

**Standings after 12 rounds:**

**Open (129 teams):** 34.5—Ukraine; 31.0—Russia, Armenia; 30.5—Israel; 30.0—Cuba; 29.5—United States; 29.0—India, Georgia; 28.5—Bulgaria, Poland, France, Greece; 28.0—Azerbaijan, China, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary; 27.5—Spain A, Uzbekistan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Romania, Argentina; 27.0—Philippines, Serbia Montenegro, Slovakia, Netherlands, Estonia, Norway, Sweden.

MALLORCA, Spain—Fast and furious.

That aptly described the Philippines' 3.5-0.5 manhandling of Singapore Wednesday that lifted the Filipinos into a tie for 24th spot going into the last two rounds of the World Chess Olympiad.

International Master Mark Paragua, rebounding from two straight losses, sparked the massive win by blitzing Fide Master Jason Goh in just 23 moves with the white pieces in Board 3.

It took Paragua less than two hours to claim the victory, but he actually used 13 minutes of his time crushing Goh's Scheveningen variation of the Sicilian.

At game's end, Paragua's clock read 1:29 while Goh had 0:18 left.

"*Pumasok siya* [Goh] *sa aking preparasyon kaya naging madali ang panalo* [He fell right into my preparation]," said Paragua who now has 6.5 points in 11 matches.

GM Joey Antonio, playing black at Board 2, won his second straight victory at the expense of GM Wong Meng-Kong in 55 moves of a Benoni.

The 42-year-old eight-time Olympian bucked the inspired play of Wong to turn the game around with knight maneuvers that gave him a passed pawn on the c-file.

Wong, on the verge of losing a piece, tried to save the game via perpetual check, but Antonio found a shelter for his monarch.

Antonio improved to 5.5 points in seven games, putting him in strong contention for a gold medal. He needs to score at least 1.5 points in the last two matches.

PARAGUA: Victory comes after 2 losses.

For a while, the Filipinos appeared on the way to a shutout win following GM Eugene Torre's fine handling of the Alapin variation of the Sicilian with white against Chinese-born GM Wu Shaobin.

Torre, fresh from a two-day rest, had a passed pawn and the advantage in space, but Wu managed to simplify the position and reduce the match into a draw.

That left rookie Darwin Laylo on the table against Fide Master Goh Weiming in Board 4.

Fighting his way from a cramped position, the 24-year-old national champion won a pawn in the middle game as Weiming's game unraveled.

When the Singaporean resigned, Laylo already was three pawns up, one of them a few squares away from promotion.

The win boosted Laylo's bid for an IM norm with 4.5 points in eight games.

The huge win set up the Filipinos to a penultimate round clash with 26th-ranked Serbia Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia).

"So far, the team has reasserted its supremacy against Indonesia and Singapore. That augurs well for next year's Southeast Asian Games," said team captain Sammy Estimo. "We still have a decent chance at making it to the Top 20, so we're fielding in our best players in the last two rounds."

IM Jayson Gonzales, who has a good shot at a GM norm with 6.5 points in nine games, returns to action at Board 4, replacing Laylo.

Meanwhile, Ukraine stayed on top after edging Poland, 2.5-1.5, for 34.5 points.

Defending champion Russia and Armenia were tied for second place with 31. The Russians bowed to Georgia, 2.5-1.5, while the Armenians drew with the United States.

India remained the best Asian nation with 29 points despite a 2.5-1.5 loss to Israel.

In women's play, the Philippines halved the point with Lebanon, 1.5-all, to be in 53rd place with 17 points.

Women Fide Master Sheerie Joy Lomibao defeated WIM Knarik Mouradian in Board 1, but rookie Loreshyl Cuizon bowed to Suzan Mouradian in Board 3.

WIM Beverly Mendoza agreed to a draw with WFM Elena Nekrasova.

# Red Sox slay old demons

## *Bury Babe's curse with first title since 1918*

**ST. LOUIS—The Boston Red Sox lifted the World Series title and buried a curse on Wednesday beating the St. Louis Cardinals, 3-0, to claim their first championship since 1918.**

Johnny Damon homered and Derek Lowe pitched seven shutout innings to put the finishing touches on a four-game sweep of the best-of-seven series and a historic comeback that will be as remembered as much as any of Boston's World Series collapses.

The victory ends one of the sporting world's most enduring curses in which a hex has supposedly hung over Fenway Park since Harry Frazee sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920, leaving Boston without a World Series champion for 86-years.

"I didn't believe in it (the Curse), I wasn't around then," said Boston manager Terry Francona. "Being the world champion is by far the best. I didn't do this for any other reason.

"We can't reverse what was a long time ago.

"This is our team this year. You can't do anything else about any other year." After watching championships slip from their grasp, including Game Seven losses to St. Louis in 1946 and 1967, the Red Sox took no chances this time and never trailed the Cardinals during the entire series.

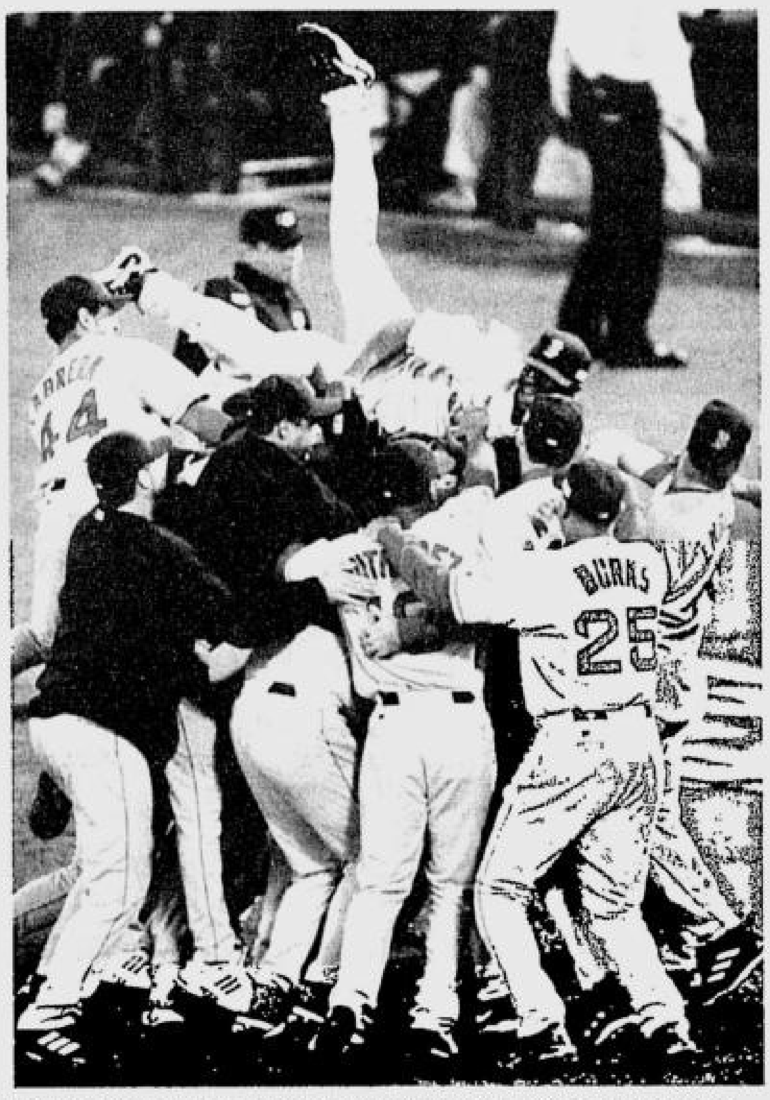
The game was played out under a total lunar eclipse with superstitious Red Sox fans hoping it would not be a harbinger of more misfortune as some ancient cultures believed.

But the news was all good in the first inning as Johnny Damon crunched a leadoff solo home run off Jason Marquis for a 1-0 lead.

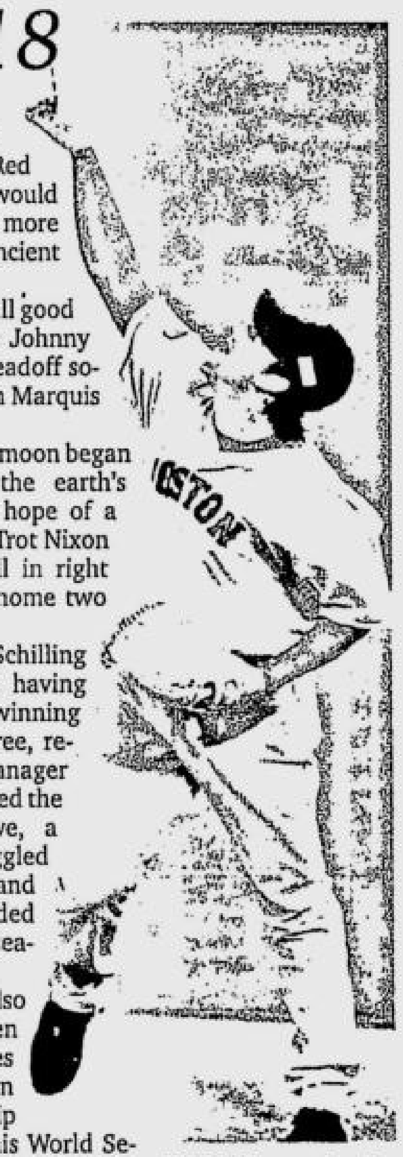
In the third, as the moon began to disappear into the earth's shadow so did any hope of a Cardinals victory as Trot Nixon doubled off the wall in right center field driving home two more runs.

With aces Curt Schilling and Pedro Martinez having done their jobs by winning Games Two and Three, respectively, Boston manager Terry Francona handed the ball to Derek Lowe, a pitcher who struggled down the stretch and was not even included on his original postseason rotation.

But Lowe, who also got the Game Seven win over the Yankees in the American League Championship Series, sparkled in his World Series debut giving up just three hits in seven innings before Bronson Arroyo, Alan Embree and Keith Foulke closed out. *Reuters*



**UNDER the red glare of a full lunar eclipse, the Boston Red Sox finally celebrate the end of an 86-year spell cast by the selling of Babe Ruth.** AP



**DEREK Lowe signals to the heavens that Boston is finally baseball's No. 1.** AP

# Sabah trail tests Outdoor Quest racers

SABAH, Malaysia—Twenty teams composed of 80 battle-scarred athletes from 13 countries were flagged off yesterday in a 12.1-kilometer prologue that marked the start of the 2004 Outdoor Quest here.

The race, considered a warm-up leg that will also count for the teams' overall times, will test the competitors' skills in kayaking, running and biking, one of seven events included in the chase for this year's top prize of $46,000 from the total prize of $255,000.

"We plan to just take it easy on day one. The idea here is to warm up, get things going as a team and not get injured," said Nathan Fa'avae, skipper of defending champion Seagate New Zealand. Also returning to defend the crown are Richard Usher, Heyden Key and Kristina Strode-Penny.

### 'Teams have improved a lot'

"We've got a good chance this year, but there are a lot of teams who I think have improved very much," he said, adding he expects stiff competition from Nike ACG-Balance Bar and Montrail.

Nike's Michael Tobin refused to make any forecast, saying winners are not determined by just one stage.

"It is just for us to get some of the cobwebs out, get the juices going. I don't think the race will be decided on stage one or any stage," he said.

The race continues Friday and Saturday and takes a break on Sunday before the final two stages.

### Tougher bike sections

Most teams have three males and a female member but all-male squads were also allowed to join, provided at least one member is above 45 years old.

Tougher and longer bike sections, river rides and runs on trails unreachable by motorized vehicles, plus the unpredictable weather with temperatures that could reach 40 degrees Celsius, will also test the participants' physical toughness.

Out to crowd Seagate for the title are Nokia Adventure, Nike ACG/Balance Bar, Montrail, Switzerland, Asics Australia, Powerbar Malaysia, East Wind, China Tecgar, Suunto, FVB Solid Pak, iRule, Subaru-USA, Mastronet.Com, BUFF, AROC, Reebok Adventure, PICTET/Standard Life, Naruwan Taiwan, Astafactor and Astafactor Sabah.

# Crucial Shell kart races up this weekend

**STANDINGS:** Rotax Max Expert—1. M. Tuason 420 pts; 2. T. Gosnel 351; 3. A. Rubio 237.

Rotax Max Novice—1. M. Angeles 458; 2. D. Cleak 402; 3. D. Tinio 73; 4. D. Lopez, L. Cha 64.

KT Light—1. O. Aquino 379; 2. JP Dizon 295; 3. EZ Ligaya 277.

Cadet 85—1. A. Cuesta 469; A. Madrigal 257; 3. T. Joson 188.

THE SHOWDOWN for the various titles shifts to high gear when the PCSO-Shell Superkarting Series returns to its old home at the Carmona Circuit Phils. this weekend.

Barring an accident that will force them out of the race, Mike Tuason of Tuason Racing-Addict Mobile and Maico Angeles of Primus Racedevils look forward to formalizing their claim to separate championships in this series sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines.

Tuason is eyeing a back-to-back sweep of the Rotax Max Expert class where he enjoys a wide margin with 420 points against rivals Tim Gosnel (351), Archie Rubio of Bosch-Intelco (237), Lee Bumgarner (220) and Marcel Thenu (162).

Angeles, last year's Novice Karter of the Year, seeks to wrap up the Rotax Max Novice crown. The Novice leader has 450 points following his big win at the Boom Na Boom Kart Trak two weeks ago but Daniel Cleak could still score an upset with a win worth 100 points this weekend.

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# Huskers parade 5 recruits vs Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Quezon Province Huskers will parade a revitalized lineup as they battle host Harbour Centre-Pampanga at 4 p.m. today at the University of Assumption gym here.

Huskers coach Francis Rodriguez recently acquired five reinforcements, led by ex-pro and national player Edgar Echavez, in a bid to bolster their 1-win, 4-loss card in this tournament sponsored by Lactovitale and adidas.

The other new Huskers are PBA draftee Boyet Guerrero, 6-foot-4 Rodel Mallari, 6-5 PMI star Larry Rodriguez and Niño Marquez.

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| Ilocos Sur Snipers | 2 | 4 |
| Quezon Coco Huskers | 1 | 4 |
| Lactovitale | 1 | 5 |

**GAME TODAY** (*Univ. of Assumption*)
4 p.m.—Harbour Centre-Pampanga vs Quezon Coco Huskers

Rodriguez expects them to blend quickly with mainstays Arnold Booker and Buboy Rodriguez, who are averaging 15.6 and 11.2 points, respectively.

"The five recruits are not new to my system since they've all played for me before," said Rodriguez. "They also played alongside my current players in other leagues so jelling will hopefully not be a problem."

The Huskers, owned by Gov. Willie L. Enverga, suffered an 80-71 defeat to league-leading M. Lhuillier-Cebu City Jewelers last Oct. 17, sending them down to fourth place, just a half game ahead of cellar dweller Lactovitale-Cebu Province.

One thing Rodriguez and his crew will have to deal with is the hometown crowd of Harbour Centre-Pampanga, owned by Mikee and Nikki Romero.

Skipper Ariel Garcia, the URBL's scoring leader with an average of 17.2 per game, will again be at the forefront of Harbour Centre's offense.

Pampanga coach Alex Gonzales is also hoping that new recruits Jojo Manalo, a three-point shooter, and 6-foot-8 UST center Mark Nanninga will complement Garcia and fellow mainstays Pet Duyag (10.3 ppg), Alex Bognot, ace point guard VJ Santos (10 ppg) and slotman Billy Bansil (13.3 ppg).

Harbour-Centre bowed to M. Lhuillier-Cebu, 76-71, last Oct. 21.

# *Stars go swinging today at Southwoods*

THE STARS converge today at the exclusive Manila Southwoods for the inaugural Samsung Celebrity Invitational Classic, an 18-hole tournament marking the return of the country's swinging entertainers to the fairways.

More than a hundred players are joining the event, with the organizing KB Entertainment, Inc. of Kitchie Benedicto-Paulino promising an exciting day on and off the course.

Set to join the hunt for prizes are the Sotto brothers (former senator Tito, Vic, Val and Maru), brothers Jomari and Anjo Yllana, Princess Punzalan, Willie Revillame, Dingdong Avanzado, Boboy Garovillo, Bert de Leon, Al Quinn, Tony Reyes, Johnny Litton, Ian Veneracion and Angelo Castro. Also expected on the first tee are swinging couples Gellie de Belen and Ariel Rivera, Noel and Lally Trinidad, and Vernie Varga and Ric Oledan.

"It's going to be a special day for our players and guests. We've always wanted to do this and finally, we're getting them all together on the golf course if only for a day," said Benedicto-Paulino.

Other VIPs include Samsung CEO Sang Youl Eom, Manila Southwoods chair Bob Sobrepeña and La Union Gov. Victor Ortega.

Samsung and Toyota Motors Phils. and Smart Telecommunications are teaming up as major sponsors. There will be major appliances from Samsung and special items from Smart as tournament and raffle prizes, while TMP is giving away a Toyota Camry worth about P3 million as a hole-in-one prize.

There will be 18 different fun hole contests that will reward not only the good shots but the not so good shots as well.

The fun hole and raffle sponsors are Unilever Phils., Colgate-Palmolive, Bay Spa, French Baker, Federal Hardware, Bong Lopez, Onda Enterprises, C-lium, Intercontinental Hotel, New World Renaissance, Bellevue Hotel, MMM International, Taal Vista Hotel, Pearl Farm Davao, Dusit Nikko Hotel, Boracay Regency, Sutera Harbour Resort-Kota Kinabalu, Fridays Boracay, Wilson, Callaway, Pacsports, Jack Nicklaus, Mizuno and Golf Depot-Taylor Made, PLDT and many more.

# Ice Cream Wizards hot

By Musong Castillo

**MAGNOLIA is one hot ice cream at the moment.**

The Ice Cream Wizards again won in the PBL Open yesterday, tearing Toyota Otis-Letran to shreds, 87-61, for the solo lead in the eliminations at the Pasig Sports Center.

Magnolia, bannered by Far Eastern U standouts, took the floor with all guns firing, racing to a 33-18 spread early in the second quarter and never looking back in dealing the Knights a humiliating defeat.

The loss was the first in two games for Toyota Otis, whose core failed to defend its collegiate title by finishing third in the recent NCAA.

Cesar Catli fired 12 points, all from beyond three-point distance, and all but one of the 13 players that coach Koy Banal fielded contributed offensively in the most lopsided game of the tournament so far.

Montaña outclassed Welcoat in the final quarter for a 70-59 decision and tied Toyota Otis at 1-1.

Guard Al Vergara led Montaña with 13 points, while former Ginebra swingman Chester Tolomia paced the Paint Masters with 19.

The Magnolia defense held the Knights to only 23 points in the middle two quarters, turning a 26-16 bubble into a 67-39 advantage.

"My players did everything I told them to do," said Banal. "That's the reason why we won by a big margin."

The Wizards even led by 32 at one point in the fourth period, 76-44, after a JV Sison layup.

**The scores:**

**First Game**

**MAGNOLIA 87**—Catli 12, Raneses 9, Co 9, Misolas 9, Jones 8, Rizada 8, Ibanez 6, Miranda 6, Santos 6, Yabut 5, Sison 5, Isip 4.

**TOYOTA-OTIS LETRAN 61**—Macapagal 16, Enrile 11, Aban 6, Abadia 5, Aldave 5, Alcaraz 4, Daa 4, Andaya 3, Coronel 3, Bautista 2, Rodriguez 2, Dula 0, Pinera 0.

**Quarters:** 26-16; 45-29; 67-39; 87-61.

**Second Game**

**MONTAÑA 70**—Vergara 13, Guerrero 11, Magpayo 11, Salvador 9, Capuz 9, Montilla 4, Tolentino 4, Baluyot 3, Dela Cuesta 2, Mercado 2, Junio 2, Espiritu 0.

**WELCOAT 59**—Tolomia 19, Washington 10, Gamboa 7, Tan 6, Yee 6, Ortiguerra 4, Reyes 4, Najorda 3.

**Quarters:** 16-11; 29-32; 45-46; 70-59.

# Bayron boosts RP to 2nd in HK

FORMER caddies' champion Jay Bayron shot an even-par 71 yesterday and boosted the Philippines to a tie for second after the first round of the Hong Kong Open Amateur Championships.

Erwin Vinluan's 73 counted after reigning national champion Jun Bernis floundered with a 76, as the Philippines trailed Taiwan by two with a 144 total with two rounds left in the team event.

Taiwan got a 70 from Chan Shih-chang, who took the lead in the individual race, one stroke ahead of Bayron and Tommy Manotoc, who is campaigning only in the individual side of the event.

Chen Po-ming submitted the second Taiwanese score of 72. Hong Kong occupied third with 146.

Meanwhile, the Philippines begins today its campaign in the World Amateur Team Championship in Puerto Rico, vowing to better, if not equal, the country's third-place finish in Malaysia two years ago.

Spearheading the RP bid is Juvic Pagunsan, the only remnant of the renowned RP trio that duplicated the third-place finish by the Philippines in the 1984 World Championship in Hong Kong. Pagunsan is joined by Artemio Murakami, Michael Bibat and team alternate Gene Bondoc. *Musong R. Castillo*

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## SPORTSWATCH

### Santarinala seniors champ

LITO Santarinala of SLETBA tallied a 1782 total yesterday to clinch the seniors crown in the 8th Panasonic SLETBA Open Championship. Santarinala averaged an impressive 208 per game to beat Cora Barrientos and Freddie Castro for the title. Raoul Miranda of MTBA totaled 1867 pinfalls to show the way in the men's Masters, followed by Jeremy Posadas of SLETBA and Paeng Nepomuceno of MBA with 1837 and 1815, respectively. Jack Interia of AMBA and Arnold Carlos of SLETBA also led the pack in the graded and associate divisions, respectively, while former national bowler Angelo Constantino, Joonee Gatchalian and Takahiro Yoshida led the team event with 1329. RP team standouts Chester King and Biboy Rivera kept their lead in the men's doubles of the tournament sponsored by Panasonic, Pilipinas Shell, Vichem Coatings and Chemicals, Inc. and Fortune Tobacco.

### Sisos make Milo net finals

CEBU—Sally Mae Siso downed Jacob Lagman, 6-3, 6-1, and Bernardine Siso outlasted Jayvee Canoy, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, to dominate the Visayas Regional Finals at the Cebu Country Club here over the weekend and stayed on course for the Malaysia grand prizes in the 2004 Milo Junior Tennis Cup. Sally Mae ruled the unisex 10-under and Bernardine topped the boys' 12-under crowns to qualify for the finals in Manila next month together with Francis Largo in the boys' 14-under, Kristel Mae Buenacosa in the girls 12-under, and Rosalinda Jaca in the girls' 14-under events. Largo routed James Canete, 6-3, 6-2; Buenacosa tripped Sallydine Siso, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; and Jaca nipped Lovelle Soquino, 7-6, 2-6, 7-5, in the tournament organized by CTW and supported by adidas and Malaysia Airlines.

### Saragoza virtual winner

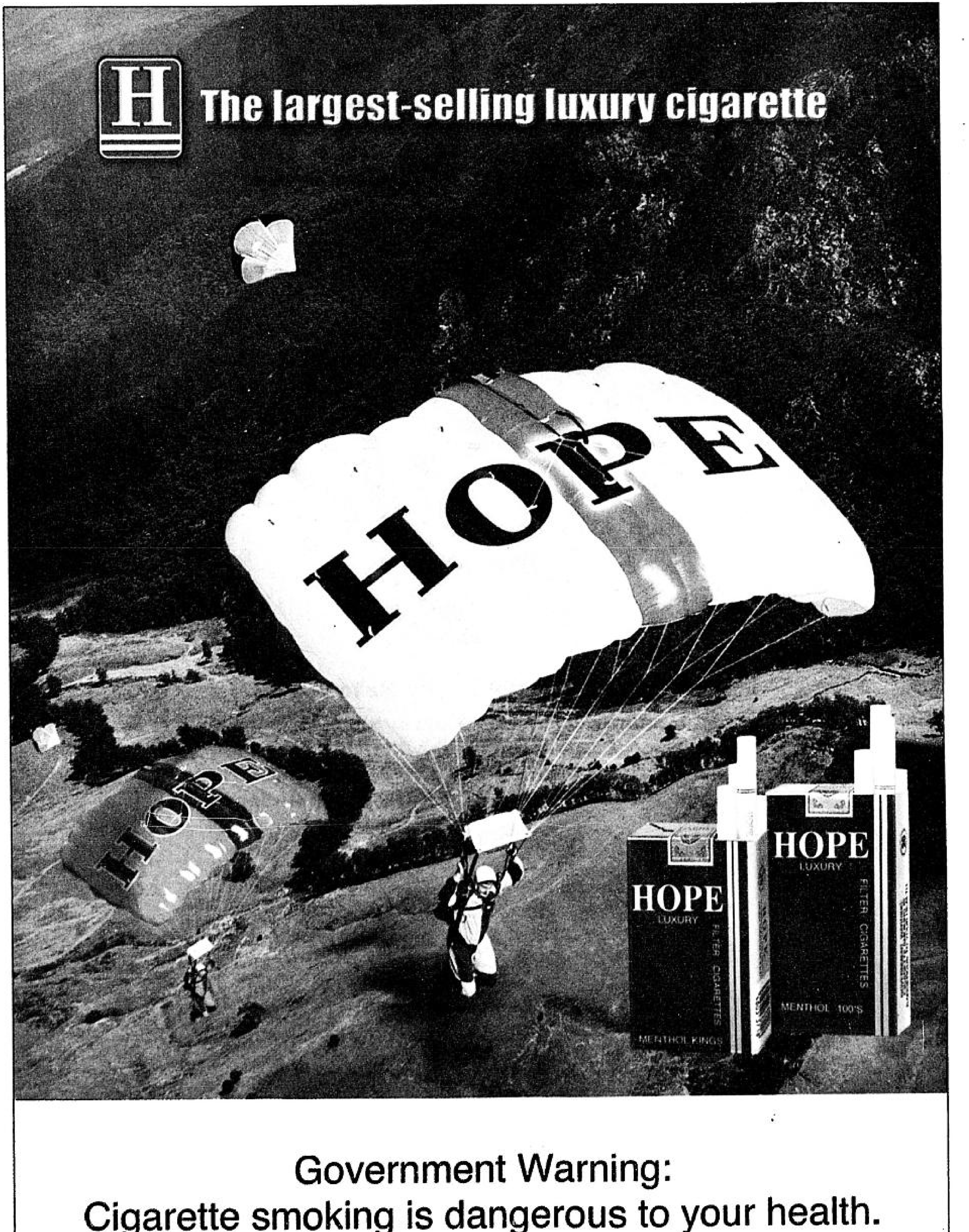
CANLUBANG, Laguna—Boyet Saragoza put a lock on the Canlubang Amateur title with still 18 holes to play, churning out a 1-under 71 in windy conditions to stay seven up at the North Course. The 31-year-old Saragoza, who hits it long despite being just a shade above five feet, is at 11-under 205. Kim Chang Loi moved up to second at 212 after a 72. The 18-year-old Korean is five ahead of Marvin Dumandan (74). "I will not let this slip away. They will all have to catch me tomorrow," said Saragoza in Filipino. Ronnie Torrecampo shot himself in the foot with a 77 to drop to fourth from second, 13 adrift. Mark Bejar also fired a 71 and Jong Laput assembled a 70 to tie for fifth with 219 totals. *Musong R. Castillo*

### PCCA grand finals tonight

ALL roads lead to the Pasay City Cockpit today when the grand championship of the Pasay Cockpit Cockers Association (PCCA) 4-Cock Derby series unfolds at 7 p.m. with 58 fights on tap. Sponsors are Sagupaan Complexor 3000, Sagupaan Hammer and Sagupaan Mite Free. "It's anybody's race for the PCCA derby title," said pit managers Oscar Gonzales, Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano. Girding up for battle tonight are Jake and Butch Macasaet, Jun Marasigan, Benjie Lim, Tony Lasala, Boy Royo, Pol Estrellado, Jet and Joel Fernando, Terence Madlambayan, Ramon Mancenares, Joey Lapid, Rey Briones, William Go, Lito Orillaza, Rudy Salud, Mon Torres, Cito Manansala and Lito Roque, among others. Also slated at Pasay Cockpit is the Clean-Up 5-Stag Derby of Tony Antonio on Nov. 5. For inquiries, call 843-1890 or 843-1746.

### UBBA stag derby fires off

THE 122-MEMBER United Backyard Breeders Association holds its second Annual UBBA Stag Derby at 4 p.m. today and on Sunday at the San Mateo Cockpit in San Mateo, Rizal. The 3-stag derby, with full backing from Thunderbird Power Feeds and Univet, features 81 entries, not including walk-in bets from San Mateo and surrounding areas, and a total of 120 matches. The group represents small-scale breeders in the country and Filipinos abroad who communicate with each other through sabungero.com. Originally set as a one-day affair, UBBA organizers scheduled a second derby on Sunday to accommodate the big number of entries. Screening and submission of weights for Sunday's action is from 5 a.m. to 12 noon on derby day.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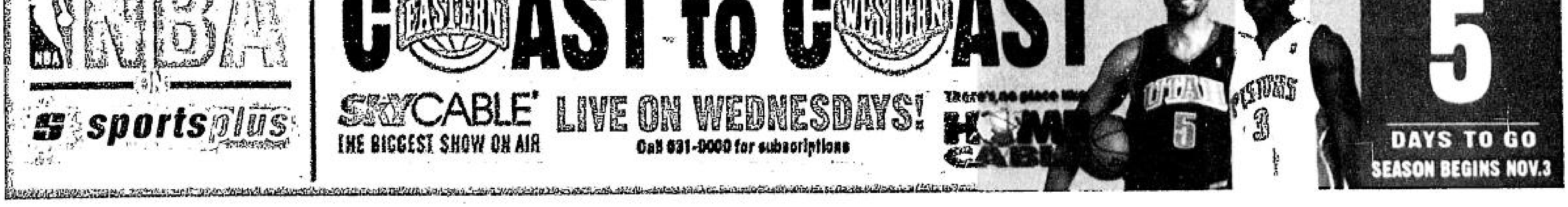

# Tribu Sugbu bags NBC title

**CEBU CITY—The Skygo-backed Tribu Sugbu (Cebu Tribes) withstood pressure in the homestretch to trim Forward Taguig, 88-85, and bag the first NBC (National Basketball Conference) national title Wednesday at a jampacked Cebu Coliseum here.**

It was as close as any final match could get as both teams played their hearts out until Taguig succumbed to pressure in the dying seconds.

Ex-pro Ruben de la Rosa's charity in the last 58.6 seconds gave the Cebuanos a 85-77 lead. But veteran Ogie Gumatay racked up six straight points to put Taguig within two, 83-85, 31 ticks left.

Chico Lanete split his charities in the last 24 seconds to make it 86-83, then heaved a big sigh as Gumatay missed two consecutive triples as time ran out.

"This is so sweet," Tribes coach Al Solis said of the win, which was also his first title in a young coaching career. "There's a saying that first impressions last. We'll be remembered as the first NBC national champion."

"The breaks decided it. The boys gave their best," said Taguig coach Danny Gavieres.

After trailing by six midway through the third period, the Cebuanos went to bull-strong Alfie Grijaldo, who scattered 17 points to put his team ahead, 65-62, going into the payoff period.

Grijaldo, who helped Granny Goose beat ICTSI in the PBL a night earlier, averaged 13.3 points, five rebounds, one steal and one block in the series to earn the most valuable player award.

The Tribes of businessman Lito Gillamac, Albert Tan and Dr. Kelly Viado finished with a 10-4 record in the eliminations of the tournament sponsored by Panasonic, Spring Cooking Oil, PCSO, Sulpicio Lines, Nature's Spring Mineral Water, Cebu Ferries, Air Philippines, Trans-Asia, Accel and Molten.

Mayor Freddie Tinga's Taguig cagers shot a scorching 52 percent from the field, but they missed 13 of their 28 freethrows.

Gumatay and backcourt partner Ricky Ricafuente paced Taguig with 20 points each.

Games 2 and 3 of the title series will be shown on NBN 4 tomorrow (5 p.m.) and Sunday (4 p.m.).

**The scores:**

**CEBU 88**—Grijaldo 17, Sanders 14, Concha 10, Mercado 10, De la Rosa 8, Tangkay 7, Lanete 5, Almacin 4, Piodo 4, Bucao 3, Larong 2, Licanda 2, Elim 2, Galinato 0

**TAGUIG 85**—Gumatay 20, Ricafuente 20, Roldan 11, Robillos 9, De Guia 9, Vilar 9, Alberto 3, Magsambol 2, Reyes 2, Magsalin 0, Quimpo 0, Bernardo 0, Nuqui 0

**Quarters:** 19-24, 43-44, 65-62, 88-85.

**RUBEN** de la Rosa's freethrow gives the Cebuanos breathing room. PDI PHOTO

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# Who'll make RP dancesport team to SEAG?

CLEAN LIVING

*Manolo R. Iñigo*

EVEN though it hardly gets wide media coverage like baseball and boxing, dancesport is one discipline where the small but graceful Filipino is most likely to succeed in the international sporting arena.

According to internationally-licensed adjudicator and dancesport president Becky Garcia, Filipino dance athletes have been performing extraordinarily well in recent years and that some of them, particularly the Latin dancers, are now ranked among the best in the Asia-Pacific region.

"These athletes are also our strongest bets to win medals in next year's Southeast Asian Games," stressed Ms Garcia, longtime president of the dancesport Council of the Philippines and chair of the Philippine Olympic Committee education and culture commission.

On Nov. 12 and 13, dancers from all over the country strut their stuff at the Philsports Arena during the SEA Games Selection Competition and the 8th DSCP dancesport National Championship, respectively. The winner of the SEA Games selection tournament will be named to the national team that will vie for honors in the 2005 SEAG, while the champions of the DSCP championship will represent the Philippines in the Asian-Pacific competition in New Zealand.

Seven internationally-licensed adjudicators are flying to Manila to ensure fairness in the officiating, namely, Beate Pauritsch and Zdenek Fencak of Austria, Tomas Heller and Martin Odstreil of the Czech Republic, Marek Chojnacki of Poland, Petra Tomasovicova of Slovakia and Axel Rochowsky of Germany.

On the other hand, some 150 pairs are competing in the dancefest sponsored by Petron Corp., Philippine Sports Commission, POC, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Pagcor, Manila Times, Water Zone, GBX Shoes, Savannah Moon, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Joey 92.3 Rhythm and Studio 116.

"dancesport continues to exist because of the all-out support of both the private and public sector," Ms Garcia said. "These sponsors are the engines that keep us going."

The members of the DSCP board are lawyer Noel Laman, chair; Becky Garcia, president; Jun Herrera, vice president; lawyer Josefina de Vera-Saliva, secretary general; Gloria Alcala, treasurer; and directors lawyer Andresito Fornier, Marvie Yulo, Antonio Lagdameo, Edward Hayco, Prof. Naomi Enriquez, Manuel Yan Jr., Ruby Co, Nanette Mendoza, Margarita de la Rama and Jerswin Poloyapoy.

Among the dancers to watch are PSA awardees Reynato Rener Mercado and Judith Anne Melencio, who are both in their teens; young partners Brian Joseph and Karla Ocana and the John Erolle Melencio-Dearlie Gerodias tandem; recent Hong Kong Open gold medal winners Joselito Matig-a and Ma. Socorro Reyes, the pair of Roy Alvin Reamillo-Leah Napuran, and Crisaldo Rendon and Eleanor Hayco.

Also worth watching are Jerswin and Anne Poloyapoy, Jojie and Jonah del Rosario, Marvin Marquez and Rebecca Vasaylaje, Rannel Espinosa and Cely Chiongbian, Melvin de la Serna and Carol Bacera, Emmanuel Reyes and Maira Rosete, and the promising pair of Luis Miguel III and Luzviminda Artuz.

And, finally, keep an eye on the terpsichorean skills of Michael Mendoza and Francesca Mazzacurrati, William Dave Bernardino and Cynthia Tajon, James Paul Talusan and Gerica Mae Melencio, Jan Kristoffer Rodis and Emily Rodriguez, and Jefferson Pimentel and Marjorie Cabuenas.

# Batangas, Ortigas cap PBA tour

THE MALL-HOPPING PBA's One-on-One at Robinsons tour winds up this weekend in Batangas and Ortigas with Talk 'N Text gracing the affair at Robinsons-Lipa and Purefoods guesting at Robinsons-Galleria today.

This is the final week for the legions of PBA fans to interact with their favorite players as well as visit the PBA interactive display, photo gallery, hand and shoe prints, giant inflatable basketballs, graffiti wall and a half court.

The PBA interactive centers were launched last month at Robinsons Place-Manila and Robinsons Cainta with the players and their respective teams spicing up the tour on a rotation basis.

Barangay Ginebra actually joined Talk 'N Text in the Lipa bash, which started last Monday, as it opened a team marketing day yesterday ending tomorrow (Sunday). Purefoods also has its own team marketing day at Galleria.

The pro league, in cooperation with Robinsons Land, lined up a series of sports activities at the various Robinsons malls to give its fans the chance to interact with their favorite players and teams outside of the playing venue.

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# Actor faces charges for stabbing wife after sex

By Tina G. Santos

A QUEZON City prosecutor has recommended the filing of a frustrated parricide case against actor Lito Pimentel, who allegedly stabbed his wife last February.

The actor—real name Joselito Pimentel—was charged before the sala of Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 223.

The case stemmed from the complaint of Pimentel's wife, businesswoman Ma. Chrysantine, who claimed that the stabbing took place early in the morning of Feb. 9 at their residence in Cubao.

The wife said that after they had sex, she asked her husband, "*Tapos ka na ba? 'Yun na ba 'yon?*" [Are you done? Is that all?]

She said Pimentel got hold of a knife and told her, "*Akala mo 'di kita kayang patayin, ha?* [You think I can't kill you?]."

Pimentel tried to stab her in the stomach, she said, but she was able to parry the blow, and the knife hit her in the left thigh instead.

She added that when she fell, Pimentel kicked and punched her in different parts of the body. But she said she managed to call out to her relatives, who quickly arrived.

Pimentel ran out of the room, the wife said, after which her relatives rushed her to the Delos Santos Medical Center, also in Quezon City, for treatment.

During the preliminary investigation, Pimentel failed to submit his counter-affidavit despite due notice, according to Assistant City Prosecutor Raymond Lledo.

The couple reportedly tried, but failed, to settle the case out of court.

A bail of P200,000 was recommended for Pimentel's provisional liberty. Pimentel could not be reached for comment.

## H'wood reality drama

### Courtney Love goes to court

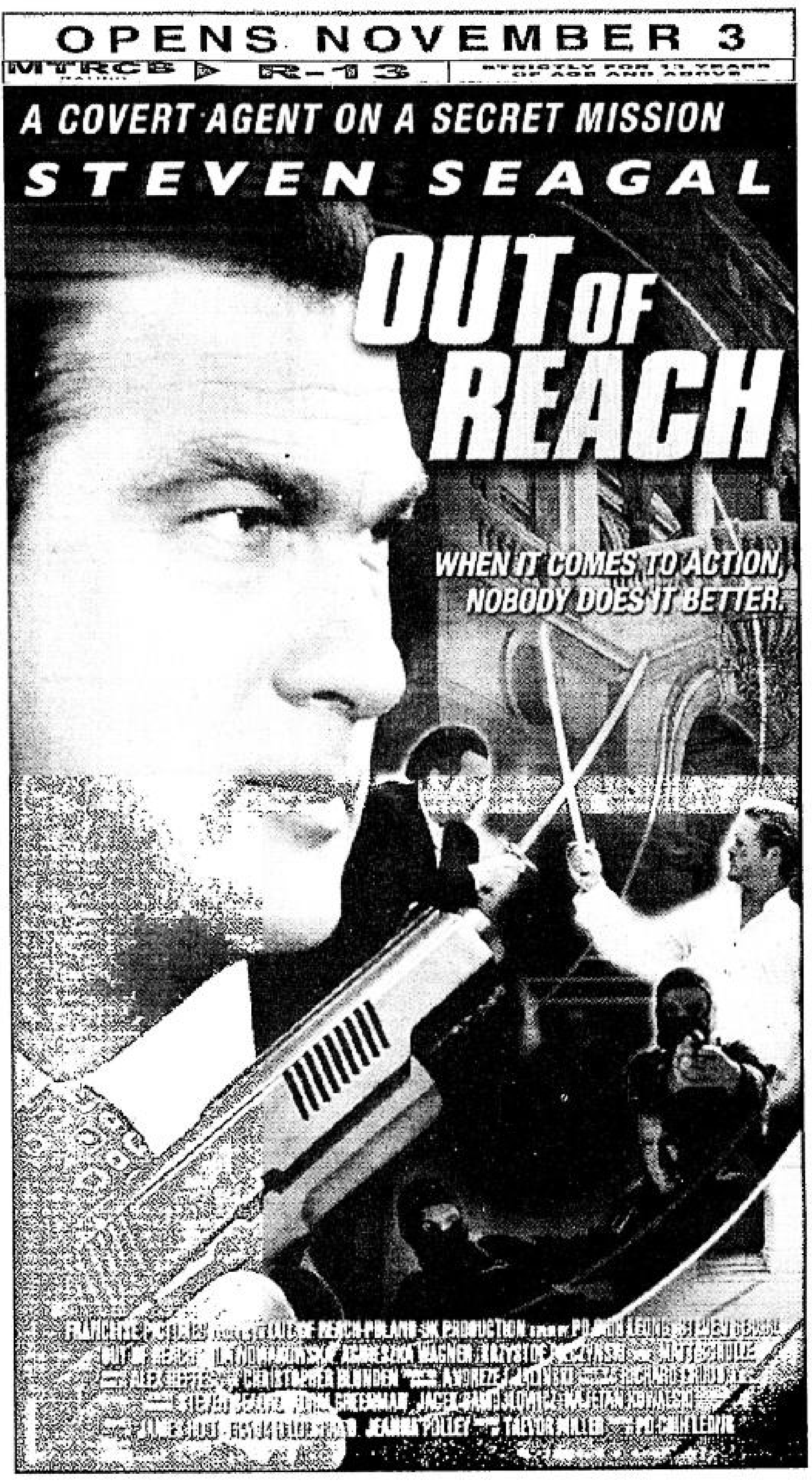
LOS ANGELES—A woman testified on Wednesday that singer-actress Courtney Love threw a whiskey bottle in her face during an attack that left her with bruises, nail marks and a chipped tooth. Kristin King was testifying at a preliminary hearing in Los Angeles looking into charges that the troubled 40-year-old rocker assaulted her with a deadly weapon last April.

### Julia Roberts takes bed rest

LOS ANGELES—Julia Roberts, due to deliver twins in January, has been admitted to a Los Angeles hospital after experiencing early contractions, People magazine reported. Roberts' condition was not serious, People said, adding that her doctors plan to keep her under observation in hospital for the near future and have advised that she stay in bed until she gives birth.

### Jolie witnesses real-life horrors

KHARTOUM—Angelina Jolie described the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region as "unbelievably horrible." Jolie, a goodwill ambassador for the UN High Commission on Refugees, has visited refugees in many conflict-torn countries but said Darfur struck her as the worst she had seen because the rights abuses and violence continued and nowhere was safe. *Reuters*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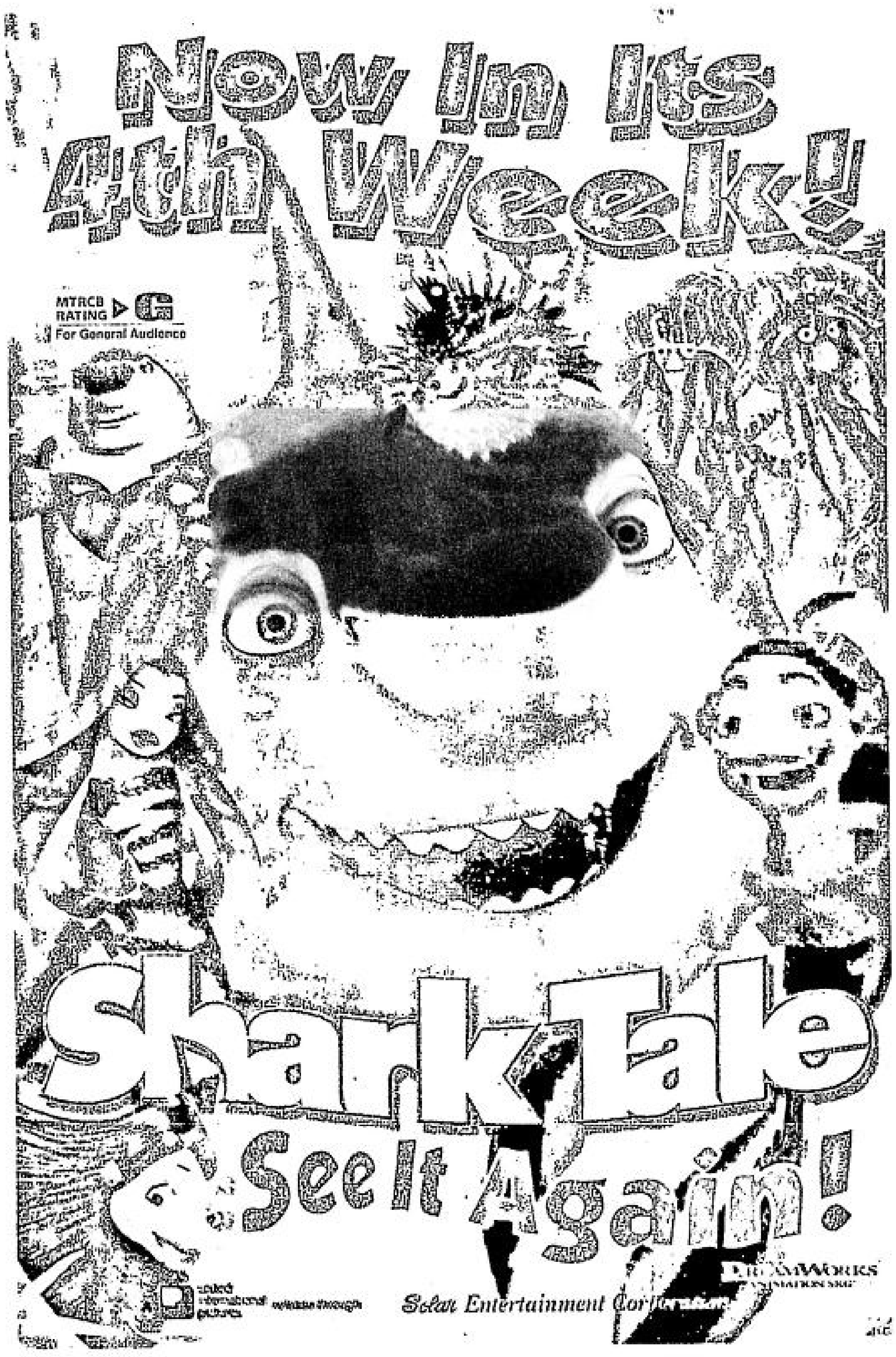
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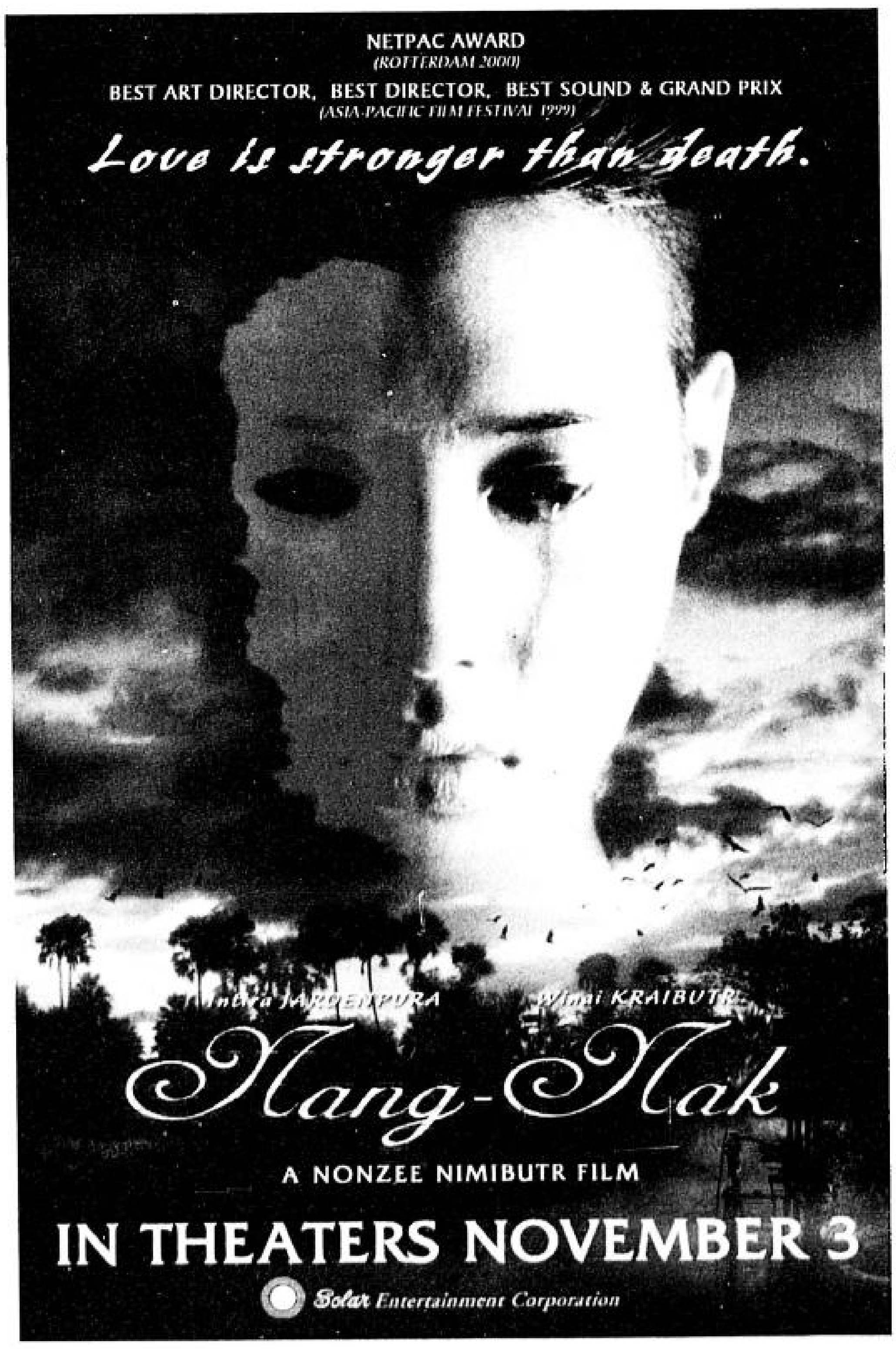
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# US elections: More of the same?

HOW will the US elections on Nov. 2 turn out? CNN senior political analyst **Bill Schneider**, who contributed greatly to the news network's 2000 US election coverage, consults his electronic crystal ball and offers this "not very comforting" thought: "US election night 2004 could look a lot like US election night 2000.

"Oh no! Another year of disputed outcomes, endless recounts, hanging chads and agonizing court decisions? Hopefully not. But the best way to follow what's happening on Nov. 2 is to start with the map of what happened in November 2000. Because most of the 'red states' [for **Bush** in 2000] are still red, and most of the 'blue states' [for **Al Gore** in 2000] are still blue."

Schneider finds that remarkable, because over the last four years, the United States "has experienced a devastating terrorist attack, an anthrax scare, two wars, a recession, a wave of corporate scandals, huge tax cuts, a dot-com bust, significant job losses, and discord with the rest of the world. Politically speaking, however, things haven't changed.

"That's because the basic division over values in American politics still prevails: liberal America versus conservative America."

Any early signs of the polls' ultimate outcome? Schneider intones: "If Pennsylvania votes for Bush, it will be virtually impossible for **Kerry** to win. On the other hand, if either Florida or Ohio vótes for Kerry, Bush is probably finished."

For proof definitive, watch CNN's "America Votes" at 9 a.m. on Nov. 2. The election night preview anchored by **Aaron Brown** includes the latest surveys and analyses. And, at 8 a.m. on Nov. 3, the election results will be covered live, as CNN correspondents report from campaign headquarters and elicit reactions from around the world.

## VIEWFINDER

*Nestor U. Torre*

### Movies on HBO

FOR A LONG time now, we've been citing the better films showing on cable TV on a weekly basis. However, some readers have asked us to do a monthly listing so they can plan their viewing schedules better, so here's our list of HBO's choice movie treats this November:

Nov. 1 at noon, "8 Mile." Nov. 2 at 2 p.m., "Orange County." 10:30 p.m., "Carnivale" Ep. 5, "Babylon." 2:15 a.m., "Plenty." Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m., "Punch-Drunk Love." 9 p.m., "The Time Machine." Nov. 4 at 1 p.m., "Casino." 9 p.m., "Old School." Nov. 5 at 12:30 p.m., "The Nutty Professor."

Nov. 6 at 11:20 p.m., "Babe." Nov. 7 at 8 p.m., "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring." Nov. 8 at 4 p.m., "The Secret Life of Zooey." 5:30 p.m., "School Ties." 10:45 p.m., "John Q." Nov. 9 at 2:45 p.m., "One True Thing." 10:30 p.m., "Carnivale" Ep. 6, "Pick a Number." Nov. 10 at 9 p.m., "IQ."

Nov. 11 at 11:30 a.m., "Funny Farm." Nov. 12 at 11 a.m., "Love Star State of Mind." Nov. 13 at 9 p.m., "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m., "A Walk to Remember." 8 p.m., "When Harry Met Lloyd." Nov. 15 at 2:45 p.m., "Animal Behavior."

Nov. 16 at 10:30 p.m., "Carnivale" Ep. 7, "The River." Nov. 17 at 7:45 a.m., "52 Pick-up." 9:30 a.m., "The Master of Disguise." 7:35 p.m., "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron." 3:15 a.m., "The House of Usher." Nov. 18 at 10 a.m., "Presumed Innocent." 5:30 p.m., "Dad." 9 p.m., "Punch-Drunk Love." Nov. 19 at 4:15 p.m., "Lost in America." Nov. 20 at 7:15 p.m., "Virtuosity." 11:15 p.m., "Twister."

Nov. 21 at 8:15 a.m., "The Gathering Storm." 12 midnight, "Zoolander." Nov. 22 at 6:30 a.m., "Laughter on the 23rd Floor." 8:15 a.m., "Sense and Sensibility." 11:55 p.m., "Stealing Harvard." Nov. 22 at 6:30 a.m., "The Hollow." 10:30 p.m., "Carnivale" Ep.8, "Lonningan, Texas." Nov. 24 at 5:30 p.m., "Duet for One." Nov. 25 at 9 p.m., "The Truth About Charlie."

Nov. 26 at 4:30 p.m., "Family Doctor." Nov. 27 at 1:15 p.m., "White Oleander." Nov. 28 at 2:30 p.m., "The Emperor's Club." 11:55 p.m., "Welcome to Collinwood." Nov. 29 at 3 p.m., "Martin and Lewis." Nov. 30 at 9:30 a.m., "Maria's Lover's." 10:30 p.m., "Carnivale" Ep. 9, "Insomnia."

Best of the bunch: "The Fellowship of the Rings"-Based on **J.R.R. Tolkien**'s bestselling novel, a young Hobbit is entrusted with an ancient Ring and must embark on an epic quest to destroy it. Starring **Elijah Wood, Orlando Bloom** and **Viggo Mortensen.**

"Casino": The friendship between two mobsters turns into a deadly feud of deception and murder over a gambling empire. Starring **Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone** and **Joe Pesci.**

"John Q": A distraught father takes a hospital emergency room hostage after his terminally ill son is denied the heart transplant he desperately needs. Starring **Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall** and **Ray Liotta.**

### 'Wicker Park'

IN HIS new starrer, "Wicker Park," **Josh Hartnett** plays Matthew, an advertising executive with a bright future. But he's waylaid by the memory of Lisa, a former girlfriend who disappeared two years ago.

The quick glimpse of a woman who might be Lisa sets him off on an obsessive search that leads him even deeper into the mystery. Soon, he has not only given up his career, but has also made other major decisions that will change his life forever.

"Wicker Park" also stars **Rose Byrne, Matthew Lillard** and **Diane Kruger,** and is directed by **Paul McGuigan** ("Gangster No. 1").

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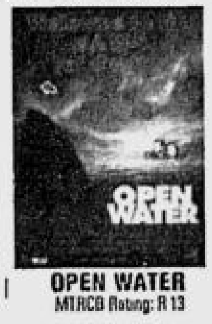

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# Last movie by worst filmmaker of all time 'so bad, it's brilliant'

NEW YORK—Considered the worst filmmaker of all time, Ed Wood won a cult following after his death. Now fans can see his long-lost last film "Necromania." Some say this work shows he was so bad, that he was brilliant.

It's not for the faint-hearted. The 1971 movie is a porn film documenting the sexual enlightenment of a young couple at the hands of a coven of witches.

The much-maligned creator of enduring cult classics such as "Bride of the Monster," Wood was himself the subject of Tim Burton's 1994 biopic, the lead role played by Johnny Depp.

"Necromania" was filmed over two or three days with a budget of no more than $7,000 and the only copies went missing soon after it was made.

**CULT followers insist Ed Wood's movies 'existed on another plane.'**

## Soon on DVD

Rudolph Grey, author of a biography of the director, and a fellow Ed Wood enthusiast, movie distributor Alexander Kogan, unearthed "Necromania" in a warehouse in Los Angeles after more than 15 years of detective work.

A year ago they contacted the editors of a pornography website called Fleshbot, which this week will start selling the DVD by mail order for $19.99.

At one point Grey and Kogan were frustrated to be told the only person who might know the film's whereabouts was in jail—as a result of a porn bust in Florida.

They waited until he got out and resumed the search, striking gold in 2001.

"This is something more than just porn," said Fredrik Carlstrom, executive producer of the DVD featuring two versions of the film, one soft core, the other more explicit.

"It has a story, it has ambition . . . It's like all his films, like anything that's so bad it becomes good. Or maybe it's pure genius. That's the appeal of Ed Wood."

Grey, author of the Wood biography "Nightmare of Ecstasy," said those who dismiss the filmmaker as naive and talentless are plain wrong.

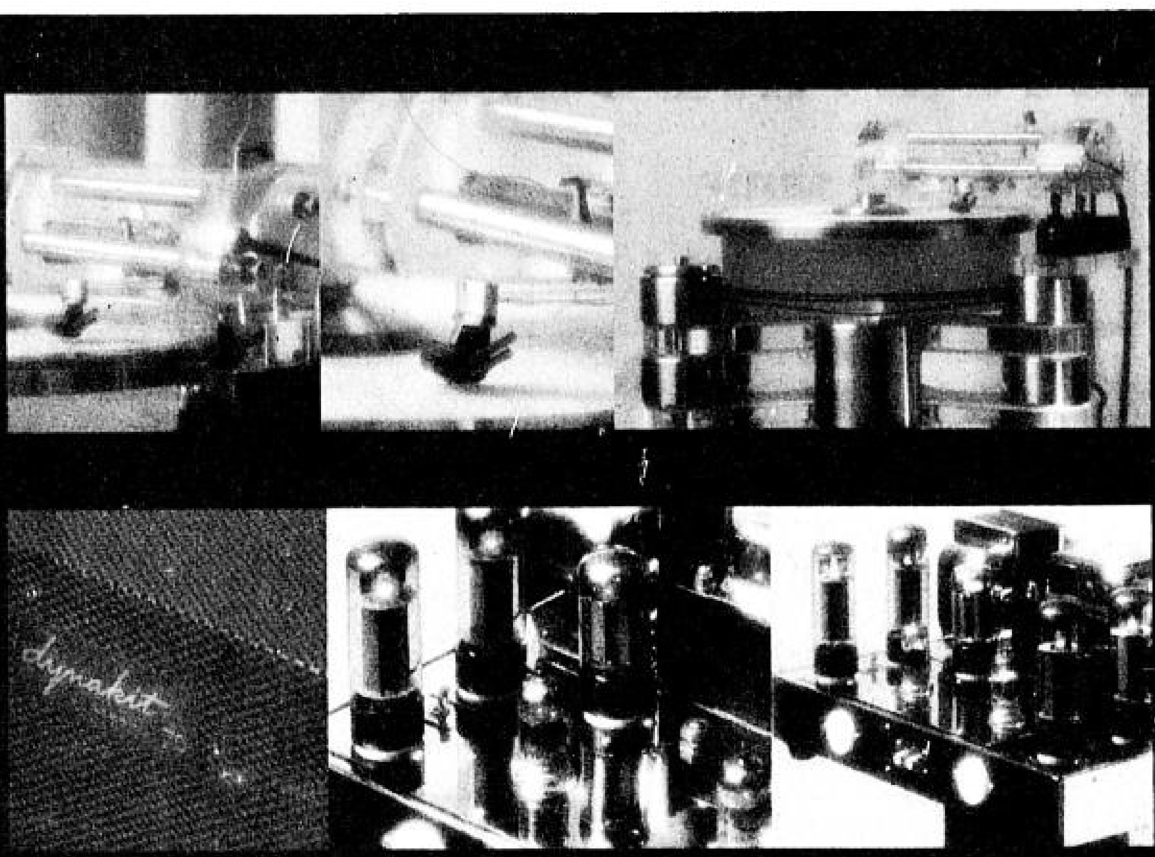
## Another plane

"These movies seem to exist in another plane where nobody pays any attention to them whatsoever, and that must have been frustrating to Ed Wood," Grey said.

He said "Necromania" displays Wood's wit and style. He points to a scene where the main character, Danny, is struggling to untangle a pair of red pajama bottoms to put them on.

"The guy's fumbling for about 15 seconds and he's starting to laugh—the actor, he can't get the pajama bottoms on and he's laughing," Grey said. "He could have cut that out but Ed Wood left that in intentionally. He was having some fun." *Reuters*

**JOHNNY DEPP (third from right) played lead role in Wood film bio by Tim Burton.**



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OLIVIA CENIZAL today at 76

# The star who lived a dream

Today, Olivia Cenizal leads a socio-civic organization called Sinag Tala, which houses severely handicapped people

By Nini Valera
Photos By August De La Cruz

ONE of the prettiest women in Philippine movies in the '50s and '60s is still a beauty today.

Olivia Cenizal turned 76 on Oct. 21. She celebrated the occasion with her husband, composer Josefino Cenizal, their daughter Moppet and her five children, and about 40 close friends in the Cenizal home in Quezon City.

"We have always been close as a family," Cenizal told INQUIRER Entertainment on the eve of her birthday. "We think nothing of saying 'I love you' to each other. Even my grandchildren, when they talk to me, would always say 'I love you' at the end of the conversation.

"We have always expressed our feelings for each other openly," she continued. "When [only child] Moppet was still young, we would write her notes if we had to go out of the house while she was still sleeping. My grandchildren would always draw greeting cards for any of us. We are such a happy family, I couldn't ask for more."

## From a distance

Cenizal had held on to tradition even if she and her husband, whom she calls Pepe, had been luminaries for at least two decades in an industry that sets trends, breaks rules and families, and defies traditions. They had been married for four years when she entered the movies.

"Today, fans do not want their stars to be married," she said. "The same was true during my time. But this did not affect me. They accepted me as a married woman. Unlike other movie stars, whom the fans wanted to get near to and touch and even pinch, they admired me from a distance."

But they watched her movies in droves, making them box-office hits and now Filipino movie classics. But Cenizal never won an award for her acting.

"I would be nominated, like for my role in the movie 'Water Lily,' but I never won an award," she said.

"Water Lily" was a dramatic love story, which cast her opposite Jose "Pempe" Padilla.

"Somehow, being nominated was already enough for me," she said. "During those days, awards depended on who di-

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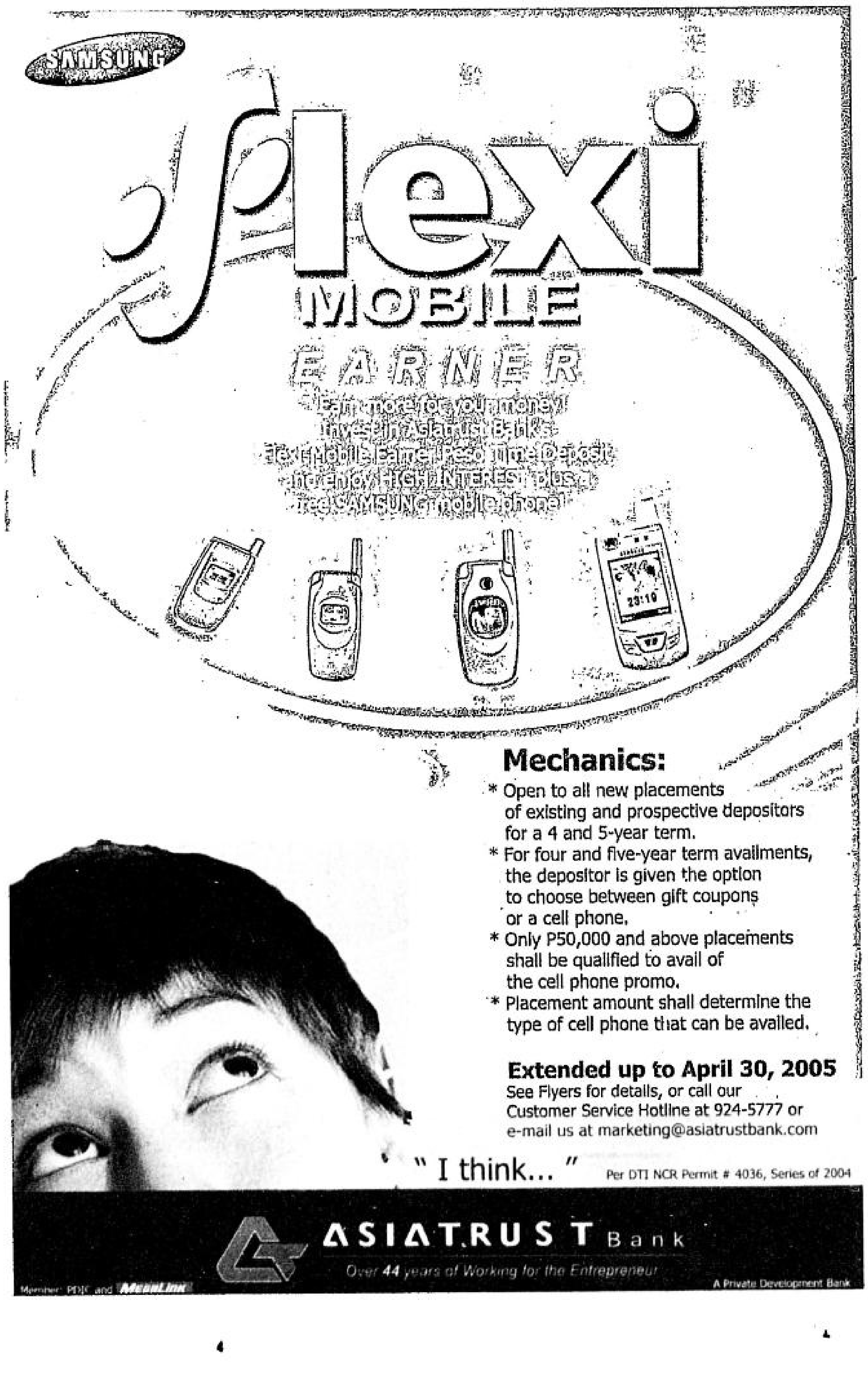

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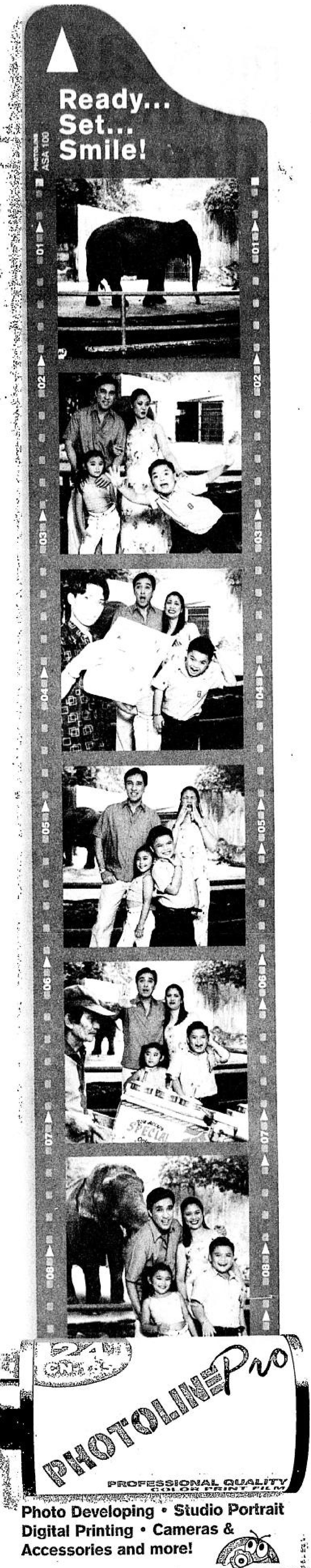

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# The star who lived a dream

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rected the movie. Like Gerry de Leon movies always won awards. They were dramas. Most of my movies always cast me in the role of a princess."

## Famous in Korea

Cenizal had a slew of what her daughter Moppet calls "*prinsesa* movies," like "Thor" with the late Mario Montenegro and "Espadang Umaangil" with the late Efren Reyes.

But at the Korean Film Festival in 1962, Cenizal won the admiration of a multi-cultural film audience, if not an acting award.

"*Sikat ako doon* [I was famous there]," she recalled. "I would sing songs that were popular in the other countries which had movie entries to the festival. For example, 'Arirang' was very popular then. I sang that during the event. There was also a Chinese song that I sang. Everybody loved it when I did that. The next day, I was all over the newspapers."

She had also been a singer in the movies, appearing in several musical films, like "Pandanggo ni Neneng" with Rogelio de la Rosa.

"I sang my own songs," she said. "I didn't have a double."

But she complained that her voice is now lower, after her bout with crippling arthritis three years ago.

"*Ewan ko ba, mula ng nagkasakit ako, nawalan na ako ng gana* [I don't know, since I got sick, I lost my zest for life]," she admitted.

## Music's role

Music, however, remains in her life, even after she stopped making movies in the '70s. During this interview, she posed for pictures with her husband Pepe playing the piano, and sang one of his undying hits, "Hindi Kita Malilimutan." Cenizal even took out her 100-year-old cello and posed with it.

The cello had been her instrument since she was a young girl in Imus, Cavite, the middle child of six children of Navy machinist Cirilo Maigi and housewife Patrocenio Pagtachan.

"I played the cello," said Cenizal, the youngest among three sisters. "The oldest girl, Sonny, played the piano. Our second sister Nieves, who died about a year ago, played the violin. We were tutored at home by a music teacher."

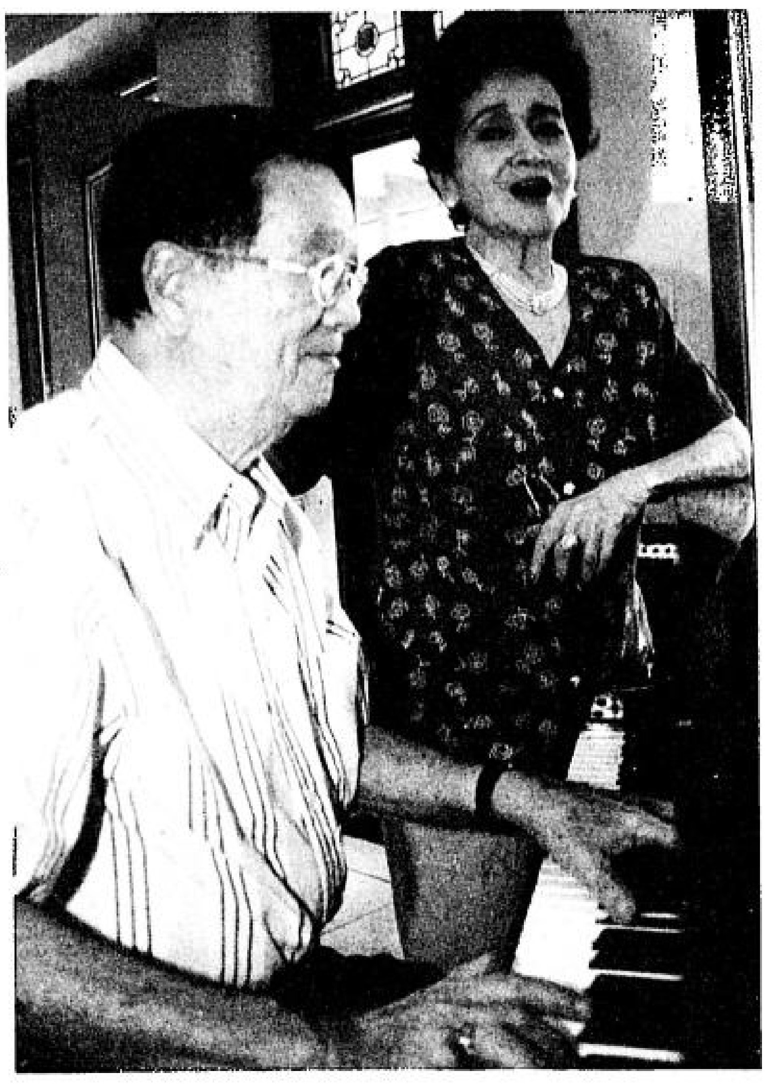
Music also played an important role when Pepe, the young bandleader from the neighboring town of Tanza in Cavite, was courting the youngest daughter of the Maigi family in Imus.

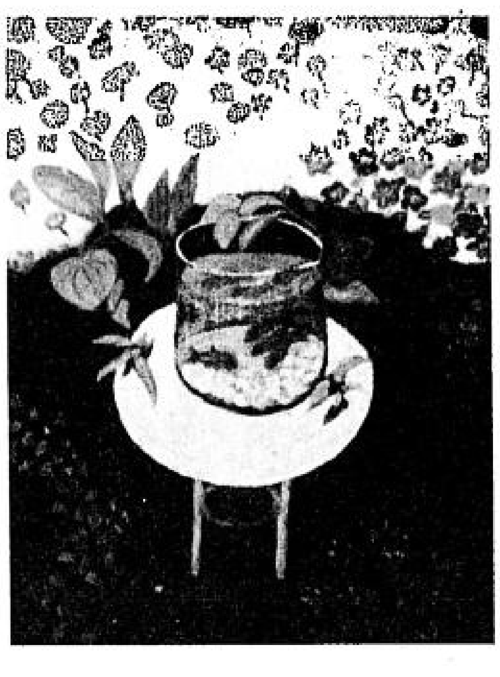
"Their love story is even more colorful than the movies she made," said Moppet. "It's like a fairy tale."

Cenizal, whose real name is Gloria, and her sisters were walking to their dressmaker's house in Imus when Pepe, who was in his car, first saw her. Pepe, struck by Glo's beauty, asked his driver who she was.

"After that, we were invited to Tanza to perform in church, with the choir," Cenizal related. "But my parents were very strict and very conservative. We were chaperoned by our father everywhere we went."

Pepe came to church with a flower in his lapel, said Cenizal. He also asked his sister to invite the Maigi sisters to their home. They ended up in the house of the town mayor, where they played music and sang to each other.





**MUSIC AND MOVIES** are two of the biggest passions of Cenizal, as a young girl, a young bride to Josefino Cenizal with whom she still makes sweet music, and young mother to only child Moppet. She also plays the cello and paints.

## Imus serenade

"Even then, people were already pairing us off," said Cenizal. "We were requested to sing 'Indian Love Call,' and when we did, the people were so happy."

A week later, Pepe brought his band to Imus to serenade Cenizal.

"The roads were bad, the bridge was in disrepair, and the band members, who had to walk part of the way to our house, warned Pepe that I better be worth the trouble," said Cenizal.

Pepe sang "Natutulog Ka Man," calling Cenizal's name. She was then only 14 and shy. But her sisters urged her to greet the serenaders and to ask them to come into their house, which was customary in a small town, according to Cenizal. The vision of a young Cenizal in a house dress and with her hair reaching down to her knees greeted the young suitor. What followed was an impromptu musical soiree.

"They requested us to play our instruments," said Cenizal. "So my sister sat at the piano, my other sister brought out her violin, and I brought out my cello. We played until the early morning."

Pepe returned alone a day later to court Cenizal in earnest. He brought with him fish, which he said he would cook "so my parents would know he could cook," said Cenizal.

He also asked for her parents' permission to court their youngest daughter. The courtship lasted five years.

## Running away

"We couldn't go out on dates," Cenizal recalled. "If a suitor asked any of us girls out, the whole family would tag along. Pity the poor suitor."

Pepe, who was already a musical director and a movie actor, visited Cenizal every other day. But his persistence did not amuse Cenizal's parents, who wanted her to tell the young man to stop his courtship.

"My parents warned me that a man like Pepe, who was in the movies, would have plenty of chicks," said Cenizal. "They told me he would only make me an actress, and my parents did not like that. They were very conservative. They wanted me to pick another man. I had plenty of suitors at that time. One of them was Carlos Fernandez, whose family owned a shipping line."

Cenizal ran away with Pepe.

"We had to elope," said Cenizal. "I was about 19, but I finished college already. I took up Home Economics at Holy Ghost [now Holy Spirit]. Even if we asked my parents' permission to marry, they would not have allowed us. They forgave us for eloping only after four years. We had a child only after five years of marriage."

In the four years that Cenizal was estranged from her parents, she became an actress for Premier

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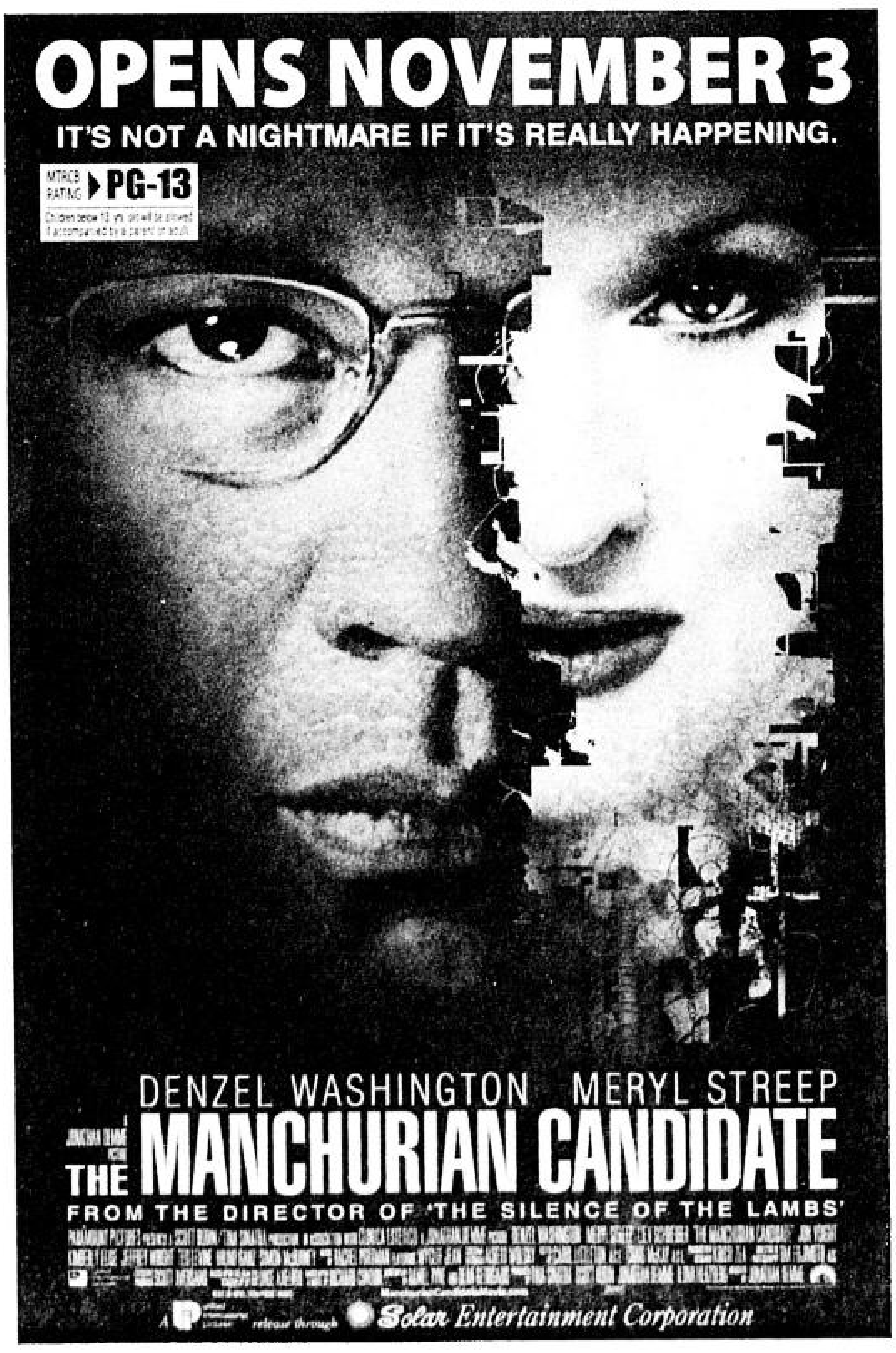

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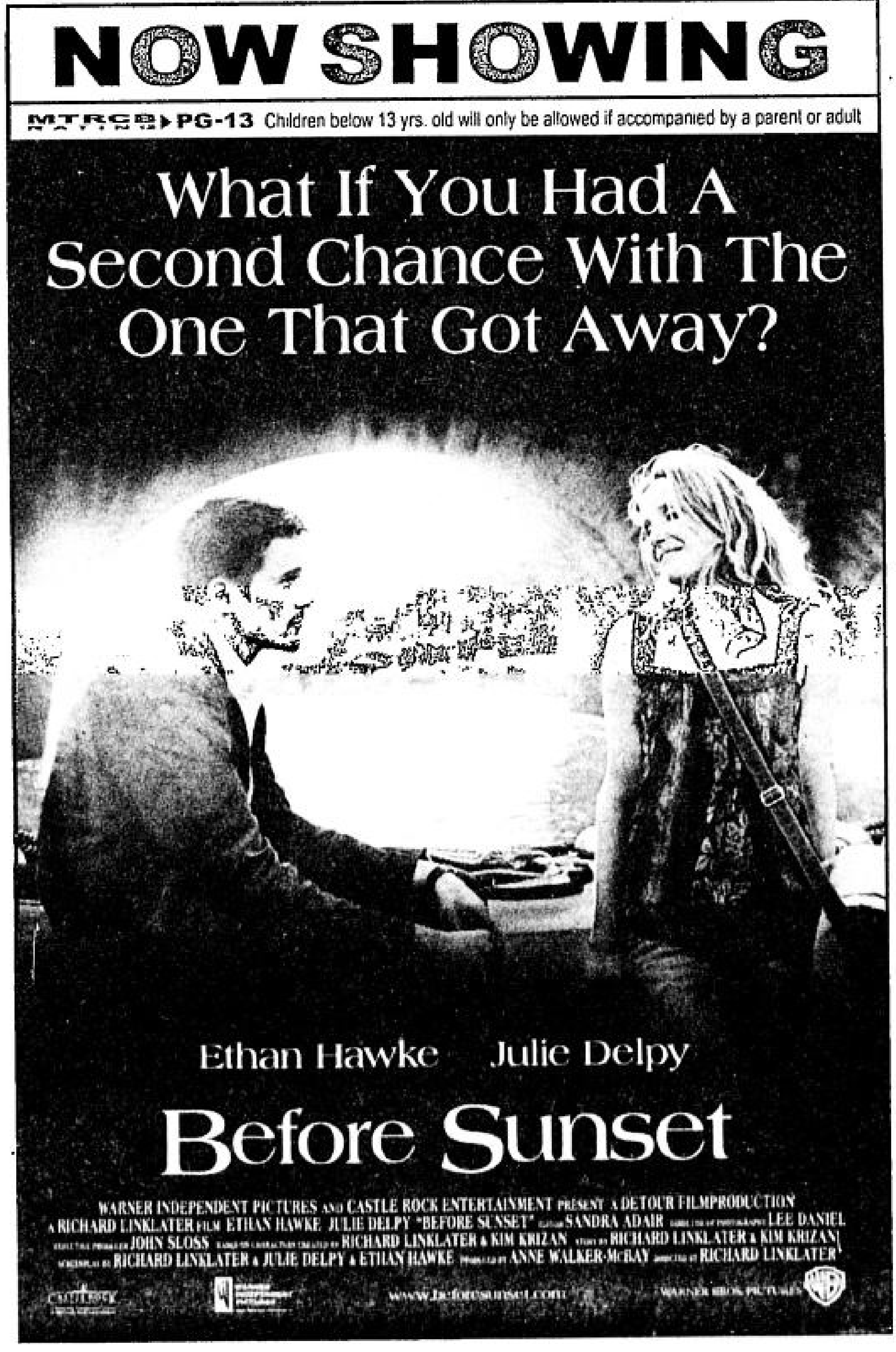

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# The star who lived a dream

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Productions—then called People's Productions.

## Decent job

"I did not want to become an actress at first," she said. "But Cirio Santiago urged me to be an actress. I would always accompany Pepe in movie functions, where the Santiagos would see me. One time, they asked me to come to the set. I thought it was just a try-out, but it turned out to be my first movie."

The movie was "Talamak," with Pempe Padilla as leading man, and Artemio Marquez as director. At that time, Cenizal recalled, Premier Productions was in search of a leading lady to pit against the actresses of the rival studios. That leading lady would be Cenizal.

"I was scared my parents would become more angry at me if they saw me in the movies," she said. "But I saw that being an actress was a decent job. If anything was happening, it was not on our sets.

"I clicked with the public. Even if I was already a married woman, the fans still accepted me."

She agreed to change her name from Gloria to Olivia, but she wanted to retain the Cenizal.

"People always saw me with my husband, and if my name were changed, they might think I was with another man," she explained. "So they retained the Cenizal, but christened me Olivia because there was already a Gloria in the movies—Gloria Romero—and they said I looked like Olivia de Havilland.

"It makes no difference to me if I were compared to Olivia de Havilland then. She was, after all, one of my idols."

## In character

Cenizal cannot recall any sad experiences from the movies.

"I had an easy time as an actress," she said.

According to Moppet, her mother had one of the longest streaks as a star, and she chose her roles well. From 1955 when she was discovered, Cenizal made movies and only stopped in the late '60s, when "bomba" movies became the vogue. But she made a comeback in 1975, playing mother roles in movies like "Desperada" and in director Ishmael Bernal's "Pahiram ng Isang Umaga" in 1989 as the mother of Vilma Santos.

"She did not like to play *contravida* roles," Moppet said. "Her roles were always in character, like they did not go against her personality and character. During her time, she was one of the most respected actresses in local movies."

Cenizal considers "Pandanggo ni Neneng" and "Pahiram ng Isang Umaga" as the milestones in her career. Internet research also showed that Cenizal appeared with Hollywood actor Burgess Meredith in "Man on the Run," shot in the Philippines in 1964 and directed by Eddie Romero.

"My movie career is just like a dream," said Cenizal, whose real world had always revolved around her husband and daughter.

## MTRCB, Sinag Tala

In the real world, Cenizal was an occasional magazine writer, amateur painter, avid golfer, restaurant owner and social worker. Her albums have clippings of articles she wrote in the old Philippine Free Press, like "The Ducks Were on Vacation but the Food was Excellent," about a hunting expedition in the swamplands of Pampanga. The newspapers of her day also published her recipes and her partying in high society circles.

Cenizal had stopped making movies again in the '90s, but she

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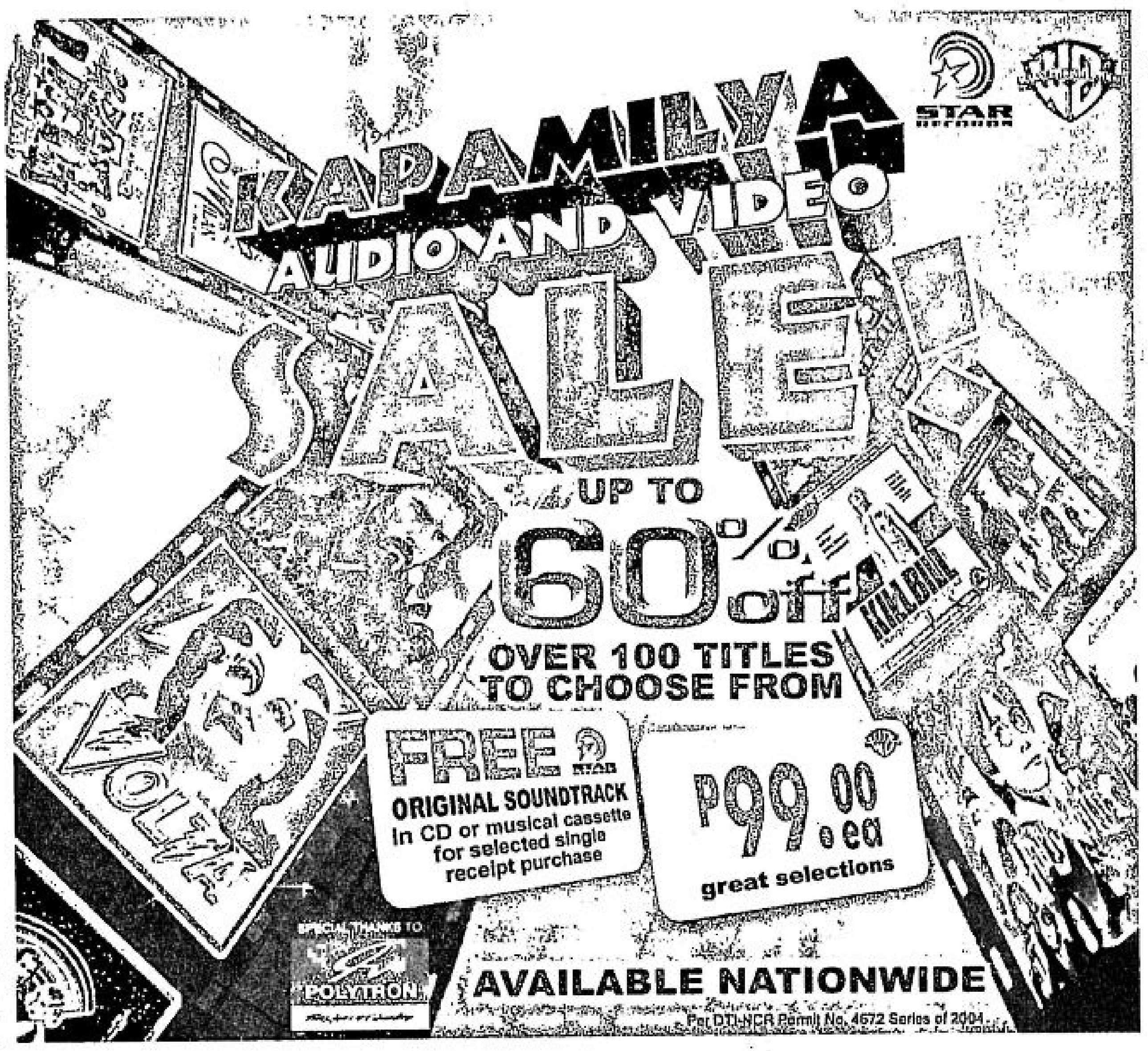
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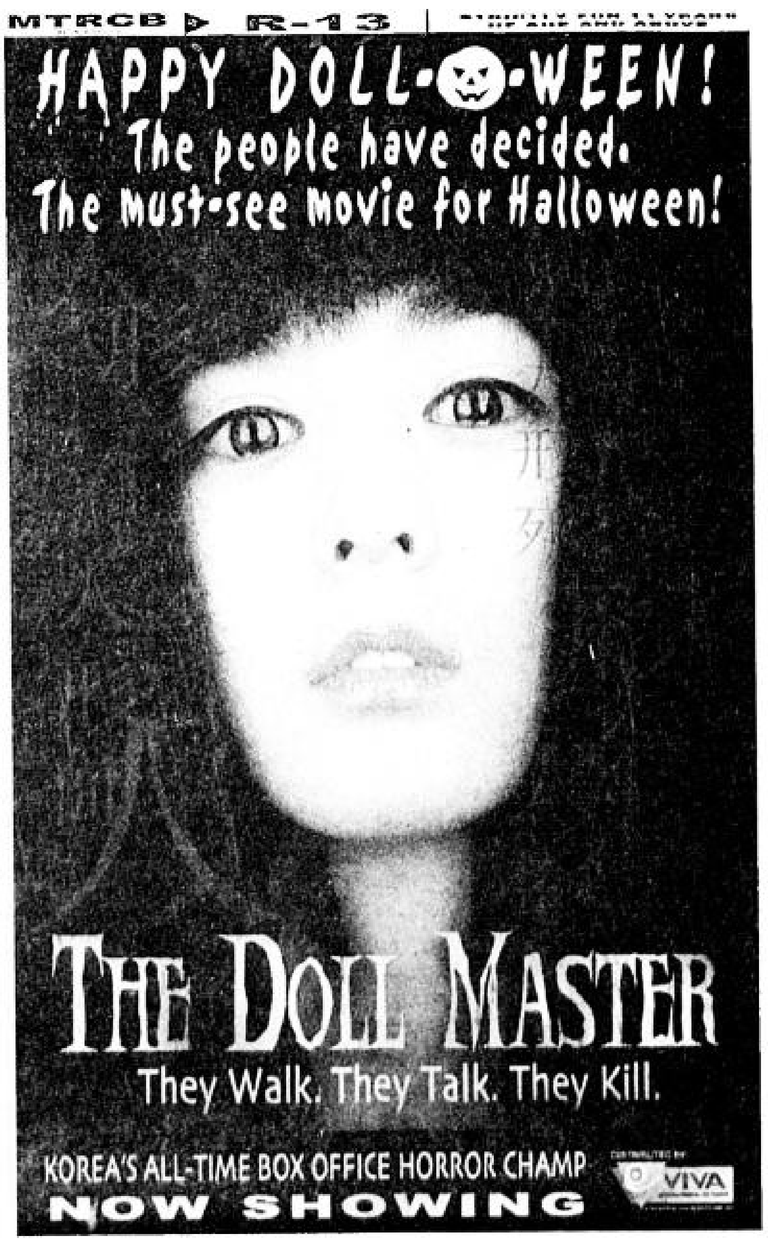
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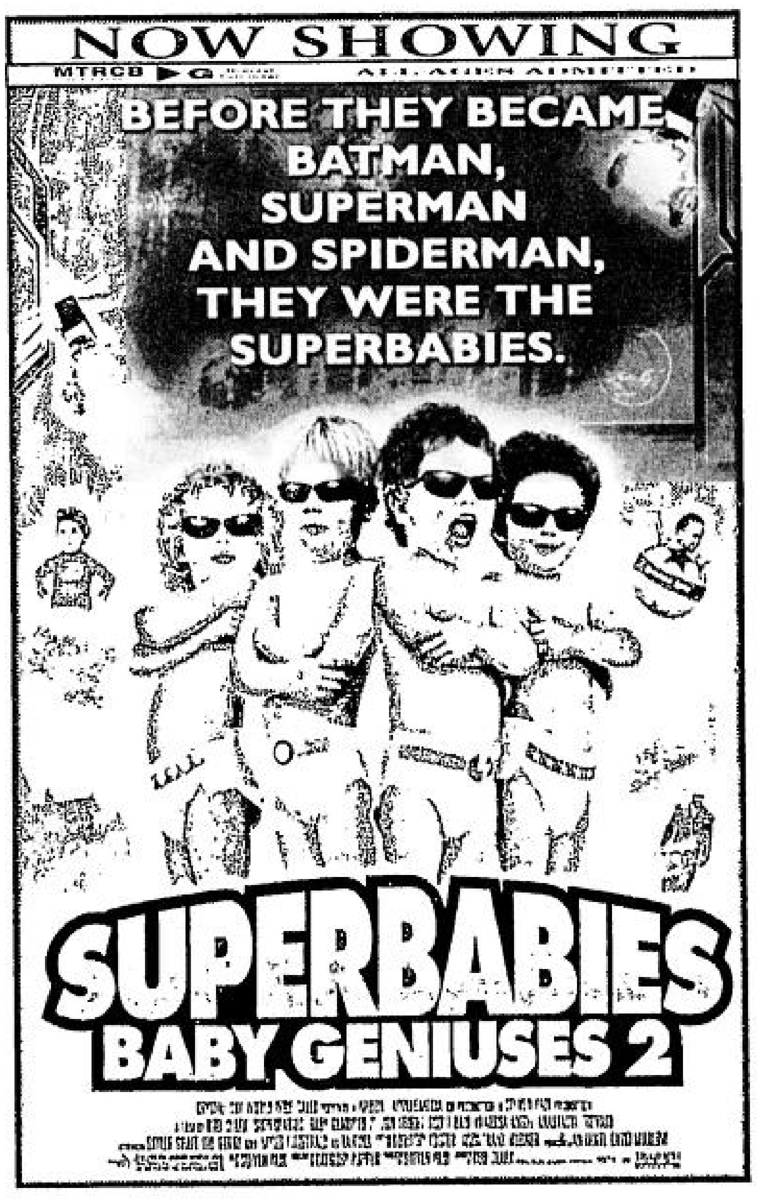
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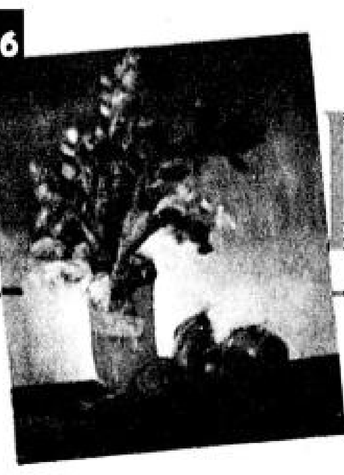

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served as a member of the Movies and Television Review and Classification Board under chair Manoling Morato during the Ramos administration. She said that as a member of the MTRCB, she always called the attention of the board about the sex-ladden format of noontime shows, which showed dancers in skimpy clothes. She also lamented the proliferation of sex films and sexy actresses on screen, but said, "I cannot blame these actresses because they are the family's breadwinners."

Today, Cenizal is on top of a socio-civic organization called Sinag Tala, which houses severely handicapped people who seem to have no place in society. On land donated by the Ysmael family in Quezon City, two buildings were built to serve as the homes of these handicapped people. An endowment from a rich Spanish lady, whose name Cenizal cannot recall, keeps the homes running today.

"Sinag Tala is what keeps her busy now," said Moppet, who did not become an actress like her mother.

"What I wanted to do with my life was to study and work," Moppet said. "Besides, I don't have my mother's looks."

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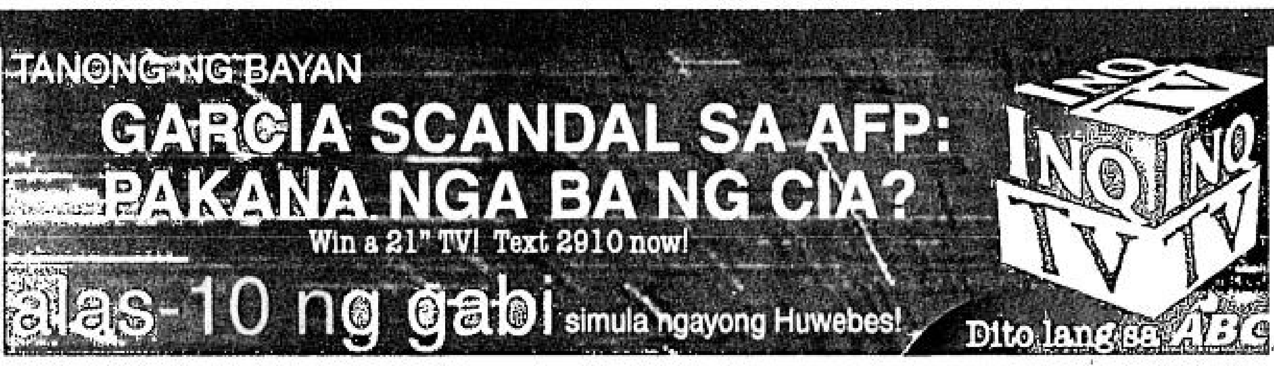

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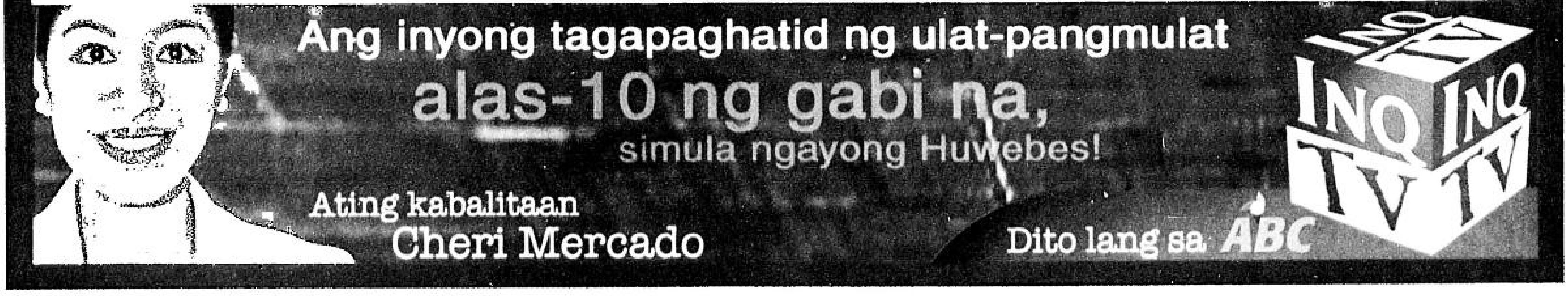

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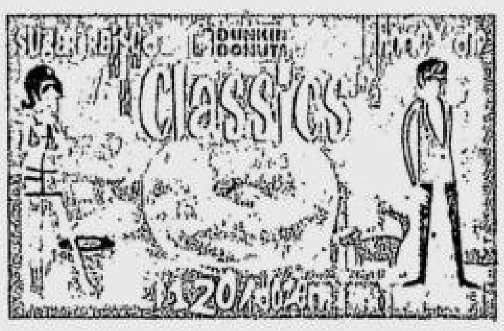

# Josh Groban, Eminem vie for same award

## *Public can choose winners online*

LOS ANGELES—Rapper Eminem and baritone Josh Groban now have something in common: They are among the nominees for favorite male singer in the People's Choice Awards.

Nominees for the 31st annual People's Choice Awards were announced Tuesday by Jason Alexander and Malcolm-Jamal Warner of TV's "Listen Up" and Eva Longoria and Nicollette Sheridan of "Desperate Housewives."

The nomination and awards process, formerly based on a national poll, has been revised.

The nominees were compiled by Entertainment Weekly, the People's Choice production team and pop culture fans. The public can choose the winners online starting Tuesday (www.pcavote.com).

Additional feature film categories will be announced later.

The nominees:

Favorite female movie star: Nicole Kidman, Julianne Moore, Julia Roberts, Charlize Theron, Reese Witherspoon.

Favorite male movie star: George Clooney, Tom Cruise, Johnny Depp, Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington.

Favorite female action movie star: Kate Beckinsale, Halle Berry, Angelina Jolie, Keira Knightley, Uma Thurman.

Favorite male action movie star: Matt Damon, Hugh Jackman, Tobey Maguire, Viggo Mortensen, Will Smith.

Favorite leading man: Zach Braff, Jim

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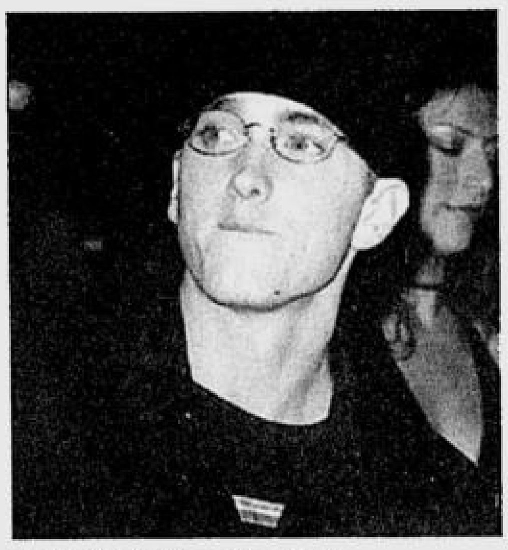

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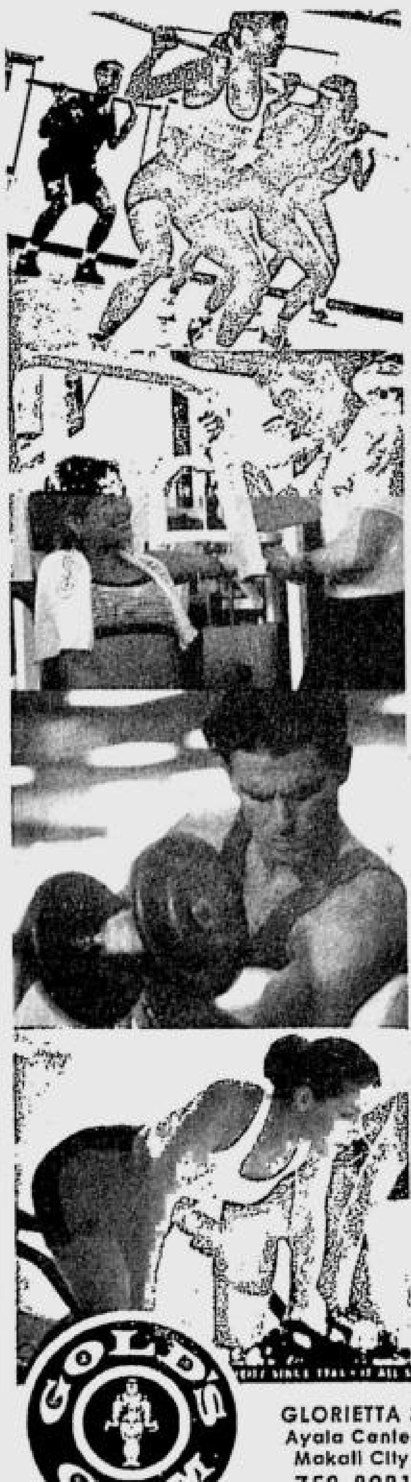
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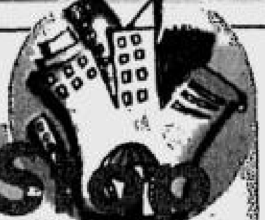

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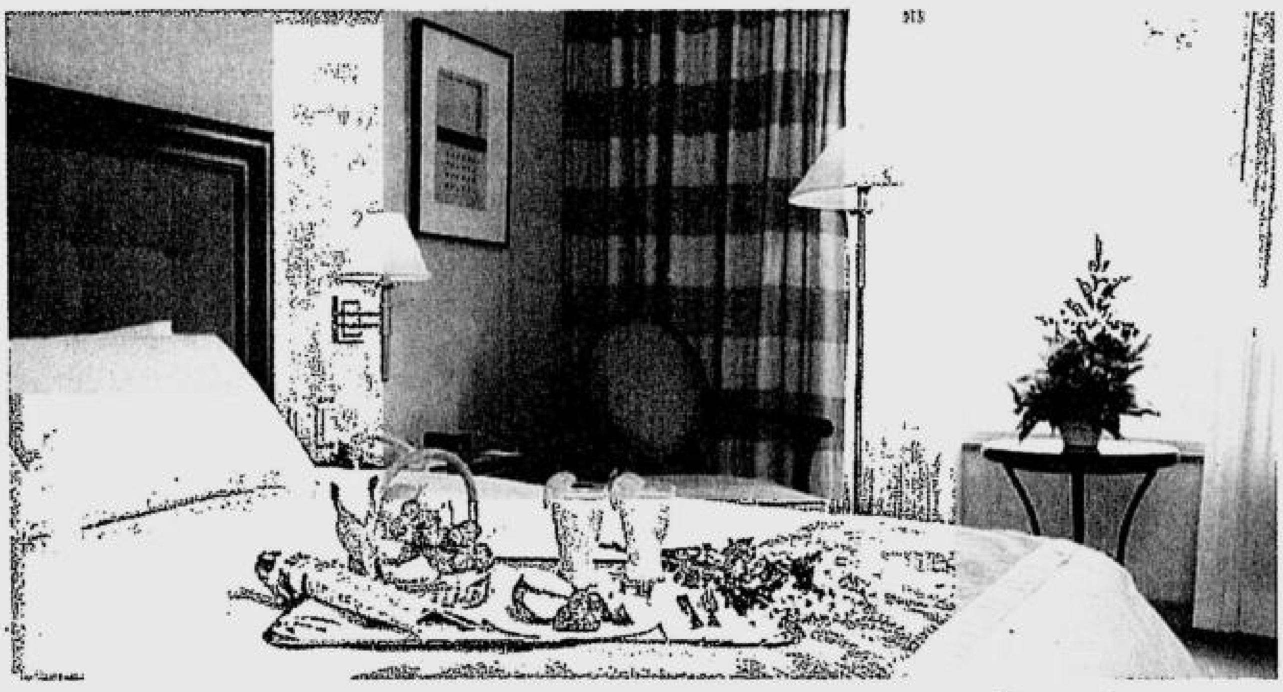

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DO YOU want to know your future? Interested to find out what has destiny has in store for you? Then this is your chance to ask fortune teller Rene Bisquera at Fiesta San Miguel's "Jitters Night" on Oct. 29.

A founding editor of the weekly magazine Woman Today and the defunct Astroscope Magazine, Rene Bisquera combines Astrology (known as Modern Psychology), Lexigrams and Numerology in his practice of the divinatory arts (and esoteric science of mapping the individual mind-body wellness). Born on a Halloween, and with decades long experience (a celebrity-studded private clientele), Rene adds interpreting Tarot Cards to his psychic-reading brew in his first public practice. Catch him from 3 p.m. onwards at Fiesta San Miguel located at the ground floor of Dusit Hotel Nikko. For queries, please call 867-3333 local 3252

## Flavors of Spain at Taal Vista Hotel

THE EVENT, "Flavors of Spain" held at the majestic Taal Vista Hotel, was a joint partnership with Fuego Hotels & Properties Management Corporation and the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade (ICEX) of the Spanish Embassy. The festival presented Spanish gastronomy, particularly of the Basque region. Fuego Hotels chief operations officer, the charming Alfredo Roca, welcomed guests to the newly renovated Taal Vista Hotel. Featuring guest chef Mikel Arriet Arruiz, the lavish fare was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Everything from the refreshing Gazpacho Andalucia, the Cordero Mediteranneo and everyone's favorite paella valenciana was perfect! Master concert guitarist, Josep Henriquez with his protégée, Ms. Hang Nguyen from Vietnam, entertained guests with calming sounds that was in unison with the cool climate of Tagaytay. With overflowing Spanish wine, sangria and heaps of Manchego cheese and tapas, the event was a sensational success!

Seen at the fete were Taal Vista's proud new owners, the elegant Elizabeth Sy, Henry Sy Sr., Vice Gov. of Cavite Johnvic Remulla, Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz, members of the Spanish community and Manila society's "IT" personalities Sigalit Djemal, Patxi and Sofia Elizalde, Dudo Vaca (minus wife Vivienne Tan), Santi and Marilen Elizalde and Jacques Dupasquier among others.

The Flavors of Spain at Taal Vista Hotel will run till the 31st of October, with special weekend Spanish lunch buffets and Spanish wines on reduced prices.

**AMBASSADOR** Ignacio Sagaz, Jose Miguel Cortes andHenry Sy, Sr.

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## Spooky time at Taal Vista Hotel

GUESTS are in for one spooky time at the Taal Vista Hotel on Oct. 31. Fun, food and surprises await guests in celebration of the most fun holiday of the year! There will be a Spooky Art Contest and a Spooky Costume Contest for kids ages 12 years and below. The official registration starts from Saturday 'til Sunday morning on Oct. 30 to 31. The program begins at 4 p.m. with the Spooky Art Contest at the function room followed by Kiddie Snacks at the Lobby Lounge - fireplace area. Trick or Treat starts at 5:30 p.m., and the Chamber of Horror at the Boungainvillea Pavilion will showcase different live spooky Halloween characters, who will personally hand-over goodies to the children for their loot bags. Trick or Treat goodies are sponsored by Nestle Phils, Nestle Ice Cream, New Zealand Milk Phils and others.

For the finale, an acoustic band will be performing in the Halloween / October Fest at the Lobby Lounge by 8:30 p.m. Billeted guests will get two free Spooky Time tickets per room occupied. Mom and Dad will also get 10 percent off on the Filipino-Spanish Fiesta buffet during dinner. Walk-in guests can join this spooktacular event by securing a ticket for only P295

For reservations or more information, call Taal Vista Hotel at (046)413-1000 or (02) 886-4325 or Manila Sales Office at (02) 751-3088/89. Taal Vista Hotel is managed by Fuego Hotels and Properties Management Corp.

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# Josh Groban, Eminem vie for same People's Choice award

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Carrey, Colin Farrell, Jude Law, Brad Pitt.

Favorite leading lady: Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Garner, Natalie Portman, Kate Winslet, Renee Zellweger.

Favorite group: Evanescence, Maroon 5, No Doubt, OutKast, U2.

Favorite male singer: Eminem, Josh Groban, John Mayer, Prince, Usher.

Favorite female singer: Sheryl Crow, Norah Jones, Alicia Keys, Avril Lavigne, Sarah McLachlan.

Favorite remake: "Carwash," Christina Aguilera, Missy Elliot, Lil' Kim; "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow; "It's My Life," No Doubt; "Livin' La Vida Loca," Antonio Banderas & Eddie Murphy; "Take My Breath Away," Jessica Simpson.

Favorite combined forces: Christina Aguilera, Missy Elliot, Lil' Kim ("Carwash"); Black Eyed Peas, Justin Timberlake ("Where is the Love"); Norah Jones, Dolly Parton ("The Grass is Blue"); Lil' John, Usher ("Yeah!"); Britney Spears, Madonna ("Me Against the Music").

Favorite new TV comedy: "Complete Savages," "Entourage," "Father of the Pride," "Joey," "Quintuplets."

Favorite new TV drama: "Boston Legal," "CSI: NY," "Desperate Housewives," "Jack and Bobby," "Lost."

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Favorite TV drama: "Alias," "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Gilmore Girls," "The O.C.," "Sopranos."

Favorite female TV star: Jennifer Garner ("Alias"), Lauren Graham ("Gilmore Girls"), Marg Helgenberger ("CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"), Debra Messing ("Will & Grace"), Megan Mullally ("Will & Grace").

Favorite male TV star: Jason Bateman ("Arrested Development"); Zach Braff ("Scrubs"); Matthew Fox ("Lost"); Matt Le Blanc ("Joey"), James Spader ("Boston Legal").

Favorite late-night talk show host: Jimmy Kimmel, Jay Leno, David Letterman, Conan O'Brien, Jon Stewart.

Favorite funny male star: Jack Black, Jim Carrey, Will Ferrell, Jon Stewart, Ben Stiller.

Favorite funny female star: Ellen DeGeneres, Tina Fey, Debra Messing, Megan Mullally, Wanda Sykes.

Favorite daytime talk show host: Tony Danza, Ellen DeGeneres, Dr. Phil McGraw, Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa, Oprah Winfrey.

Favorite reality show (competition): "The Amazing Race," "American Idol," "The Apprentice," "Survivor," "Last Comic Standing."

Favorite reality show (makeover): "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," "Pimp My Ride," "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," "Trading Spaces," "What Not to Wear."

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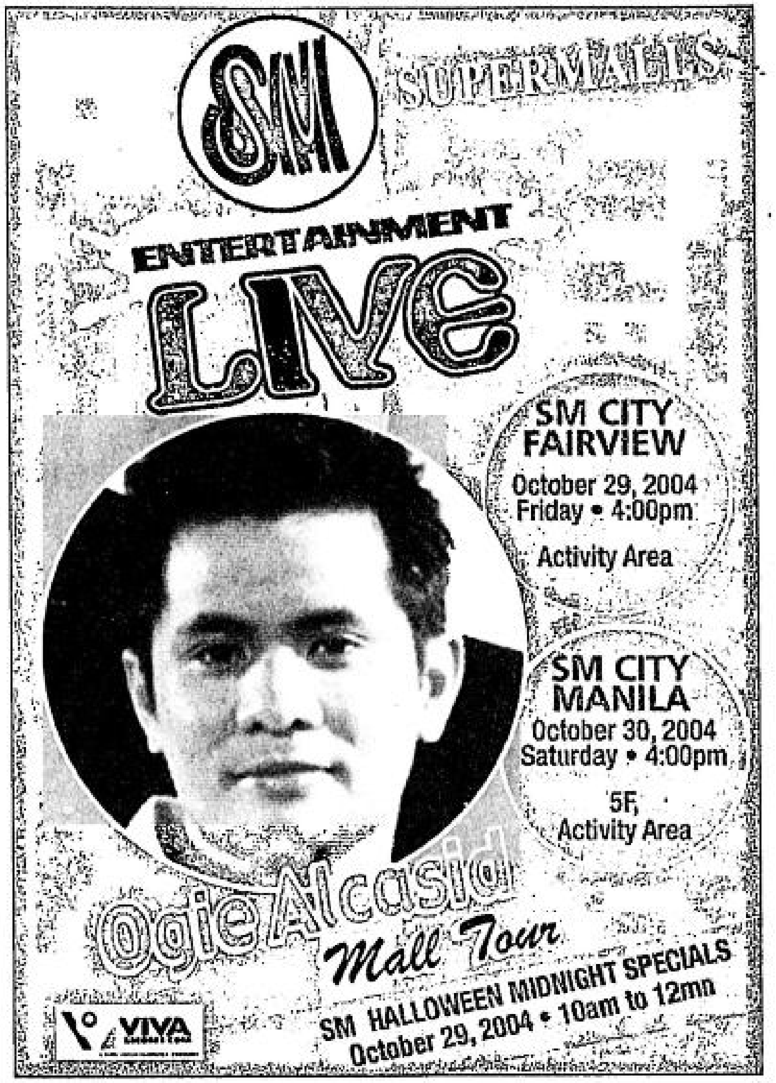
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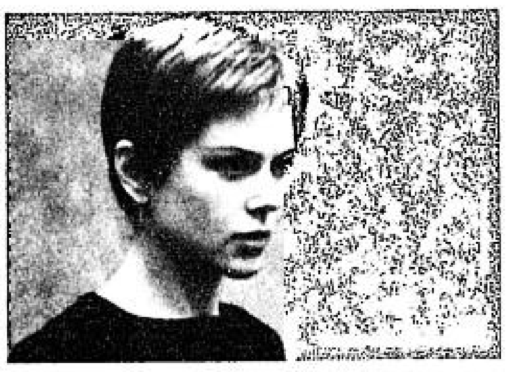


**NICOLE** Kidman, in her new movie "Birth," favorite female movie star

**OPRAH** Winfrey, favorite daytime talk show host

## *Julia Roberts, pregnant with twins, hospitalized*

LOS ANGELES—Hollywood superstar Julia Roberts, pregnant with twins, has been hospitalized with early contractions, People Magazine reported Tuesday.

Roberts, 36, was admitted Saturday and placed on a fetal monitor, according to People. Roberts is expecting a boy and a girl in early January with cameraman husband Danny Moder.

The magazine said the contractions stopped but the actress remains under medical supervision.

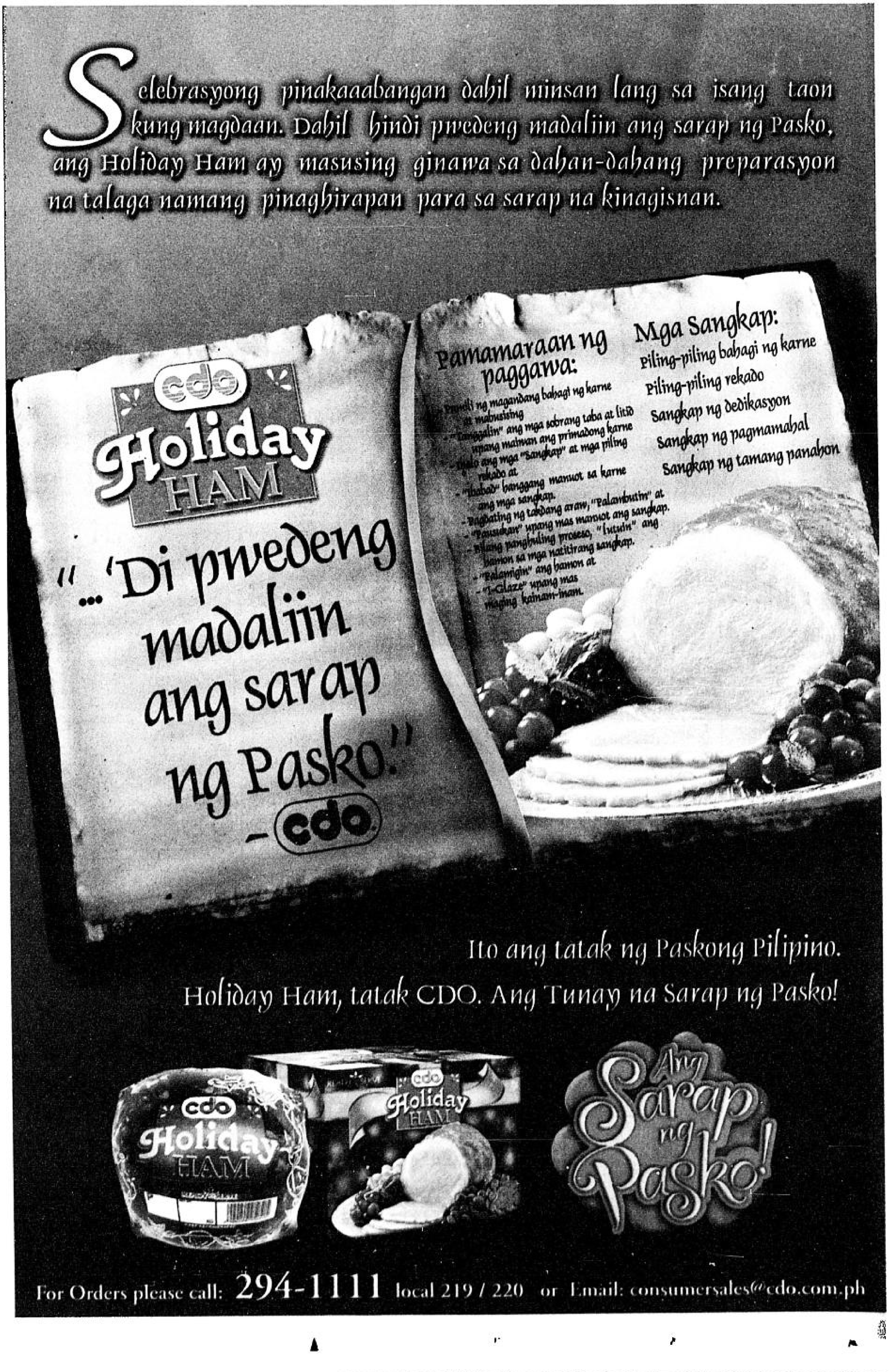
Roberts, who won the best actress Oscar for her role as a crusading US lawyer in the 2000 film "Erin Brockovich," and Moder had reportedly been trying for some time to start a family.

The movie star married Moder at a surprise ceremony at their hideaway home in the western US state of New Mexico in July 2002.

Roberts was previously married to singer Lyle Lovett, with whom she walked down the aisle in 1993. That union lasted only 21 months.

Roberts shot to worldwide fame after playing a loveable prostitute in 1990's "Pretty Woman," a role for which she was nominated for a best actress Academy Award, and then took on a role in 1989's "Steel Magnolias," which won her a best supporting actress nod.

The actress, known for her luminous smile, also starred in such hits as the romantic comedy "Notting Hill" opposite Hugh Grant and appeared in last year's 1950s period drama "Mona Lisa Smile." *AFP*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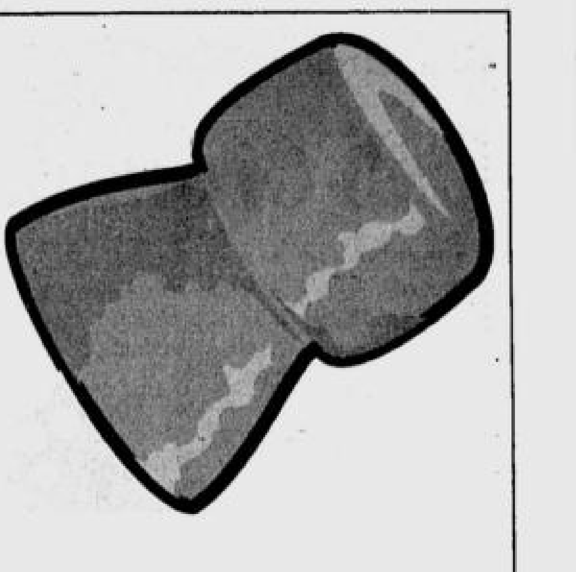

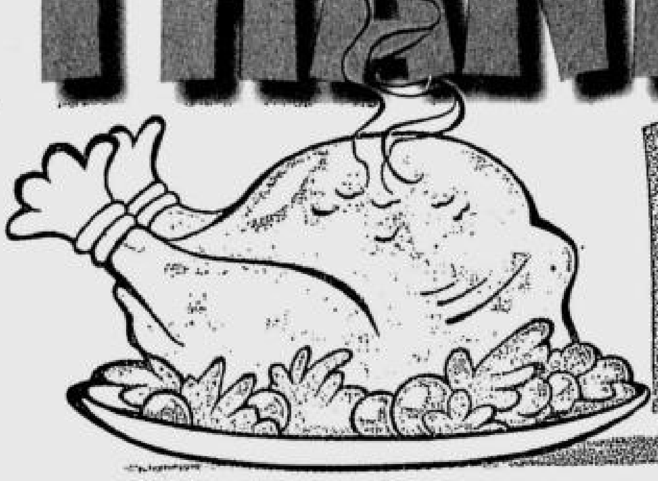

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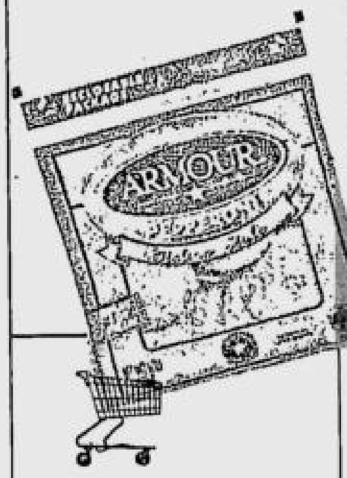

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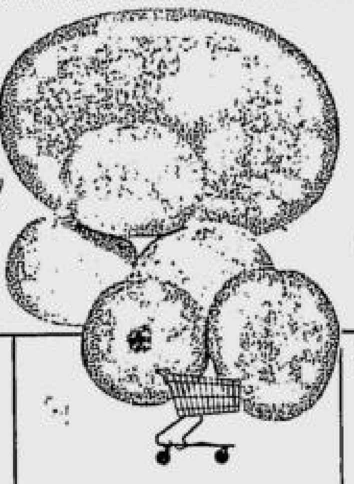

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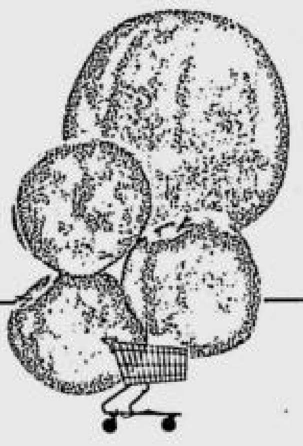

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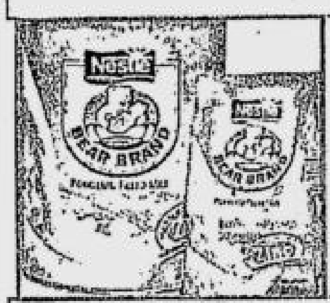

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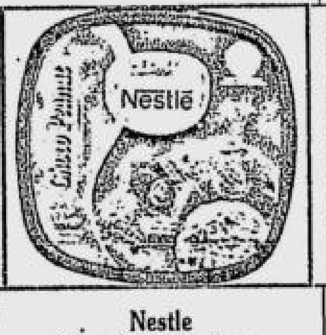

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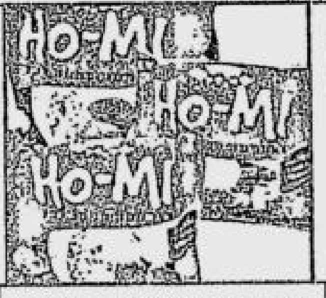

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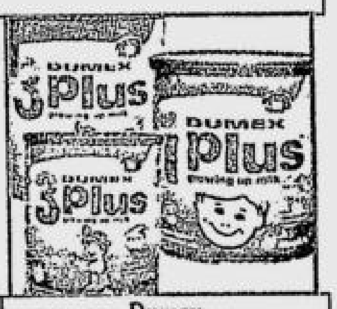

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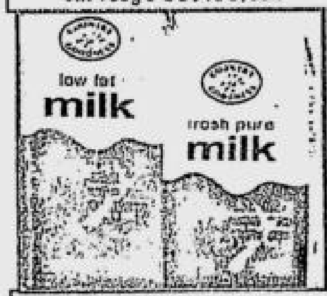

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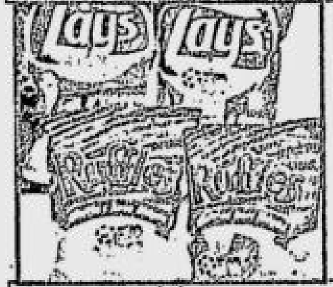

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KC Masterpiece BBQ, Salt & Vinegar 184.3g ₱80.40/bag
**Ruffles**
Potato Chips Regular, Reduced Fat,
Cheddar & Sour Cream, Sour Cream & Onion
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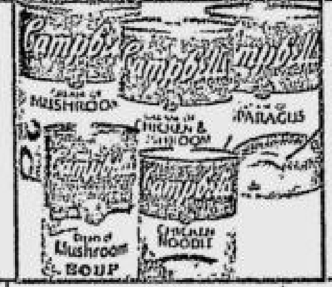

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Cream Of Chicken, Cream Of Chicken N Mushroom
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**Golden Valley**
Mayonnaise 4L ₱241.60/jug
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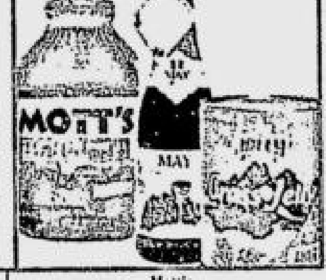

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**May**
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**Good Life**
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**Heinz**
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**French's**
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**Jolly Gold Juice**
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Red Grape Fruit, Tropical, Cherry, Peach,
Strawberry, Strawberry Banana 1L ₱51.80/tetra
**Jolly Fresh**
Juice Orange, Apple 2L ₱120.50/bot

**French's**
Potato Sticks Cheezy Cheddar Original,
Barbeque 198.5g ₱66.50/pk
**Anacon**
Wheat Nuts 907.2g ₱361.00/bot

**Jolly**
Tropical Fruit Cocktail 850g ₱38.50/can
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**Wish Bone**
Salad Dressing 1000 Island House Italian
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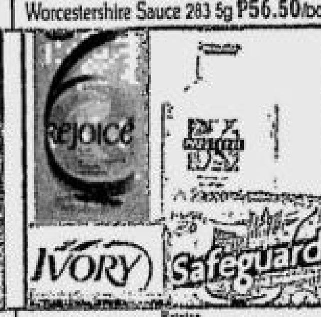

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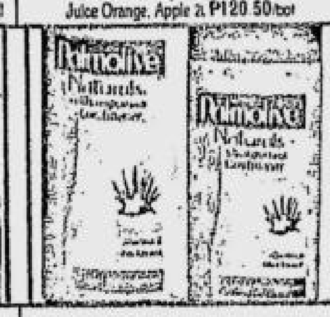

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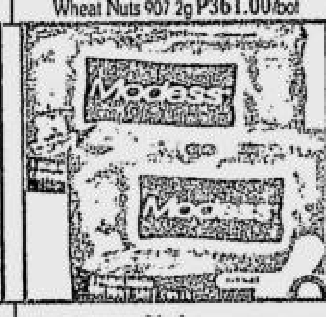

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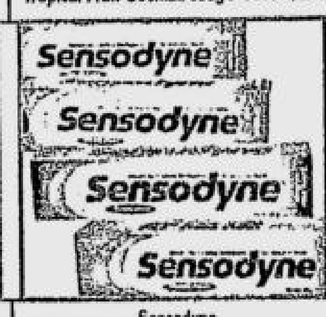

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# PNOC invests in $60-M power project

By Abigail L. Ho

PHILIPPINE National Oil Co. is infusing $6 million in equity into a $60-million power co-generation facility in Talisay, Negros Occidental.

The project will be jointly owned by PNOC, Brozeoak Philippines and Talisay Bioenergy Inc.

The amount committed by PNOC is equivalent to a 30-percent equity stake in the country's first large-scale co-generation facility using renewable source of energy, particularly bagasse (a sugarcane byproduct).

The state firm first signed a memorandum of agreement with the two entities in April for the possibility of pouring in cash into the $60-million project.

Last Tuesday, PNOC formalized its equity infusion commitment by signing the development agreement for the project.

But as a development investor, the state firm will also have to share with the two other investors the risks involved in developing the facility.

Of the total project cost of $60 million, $18 million will be funded through direct equity infusions, with the balance to be financed with loans from banks and other lending institutions.

The plant is scheduled to start commercial operations by August 2006.

"I am proud to say that this is the first ever co-generation project in the Philippines to take off. This project has readily passed the financial study of the PNOC Investment Appraisal Committee," PNOC president Eduardo Mañalac said in a statement yesterday.

The project proponents have already signed a 30-year power supply agreement with the Central Negros Electric Cooperative (Ceneco), which serves Bacolod City and its suburbs. The total power to be delivered by the plant to Ceneco is seen hitting 158 gigawatt-hours per year. The co-generation plant will have the capacity to generate 30 megawatts of power.

One of the proponents, Talisay Bioenergy, has proposed to connect the plant to the 69-kilovolt sub-transmission system that Ceneco plans to acquire.

The proposed power facility will also be addressing the steam and power requirements of a medium-sized sugar mill and refinery in the area.

The sugarcane byproduct, or bagasse, will come from the host mill, First Farmers Sugar Mill. Additional bagasse requirements will come from other mills.

The establishment of this plant is in line with President Macapagal-Arroyo's plan to reach 60 percent energy self-sufficiency by 2010, a goal that can be met through the utilization of indigenous energy resources, as well as conservation of energy.

"We are very enthusiastic because (the plant) fits our new mandate of intensifying the utilization of renewable energy, which is one of the major thrusts of the government right now," Mañalac said.

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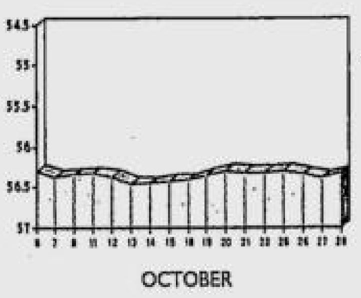

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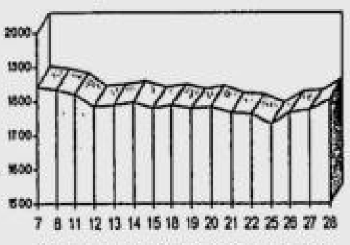
## Stocks hit 2-week high



(See stock market report on Page B8)

STOCKS led by conglomerate Ayala Corp. and phone giant PLDT rose to their highest close in two weeks yesterday, helped by a fall in crude prices and positive third-quarter results from some firms.

Traders said they did not expect the market to maintain its momentum on Friday ahead of a three-day holiday and ahead of Tuesday's US elections.

Nov. 1 is a public holiday.

The main index ended up 33.15 points or 1.87 percent at 1,807.49 points, its highest since it closed at 1,821.97 points on Oct. 11.

The market is up 25 percent so far this year.

"The drop in crude prices from record levels and the positive third quarter results of some companies encouraged investors," said Astro del Castillo, managing director at investment firm First Grading Holdings.

Market reaction was mixed to news of the approval by the Philippine House of Representatives of a bill raising the tax on tobacco and alcohol products by 20 percent beginning next year, lower than the 30 percent proposed by the government.

"While it was below the government's proposed increase, it's better than zero," said Joseph Roxas, president at Eagle Equities.

But Del Castillo said the approval of the watered-down version of the sin tax would not sit well with most investors.

"It's a bad precedent. This could also happen to the other tax measures being proposed by the government to solve its budget deficit," he said.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration wants Congress to pass eight new revenue-raising measures, including the sin tax bill, to generate at least P80 billion and prevent a full-blown fiscal crisis.

Ayala Corp. gained 20 centavos or 3.17 percent to P6.50 while its property arm Ayala Land Inc. rose 20 centavos or 2.86 percent to P7.20.

Ayala Land, the Philippines' largest property firm, reported on

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# Medical City opens ₱5-B hospital complex

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

MEDICAL City formally opened yesterday its P5.1-billion, 1.5-hectare medical complex along Ortigas Avenue in Pasig City.

The new complex claims to be the most advanced, state-of-the-art health facility in the country.

The new Medical City has 15 floors in one of its two Nursing Towers and another 18 floors in its Medical Arts Tower, which houses the clinics of 280 doctors clinics and a three-level parking area with 1,000 slots.

The second nursing tower has five floors, but can be extended by another nine floors.

Both nursing towers have about 800 patient beds.

The complex also has a 6-storey podium that houses special services and diagnostic facilities, as well as administrative offices.

The massive complex has other non-medical facilities, such as a chapel, an auditorium, banks, salon and gym, a coffee shop, a restaurant, a food court and a convenience store.

"Over the last few years, even as we have been concerned with moving earth, pouring cement and laying tile, we have meticulously and systematically redefined our structures and systems, reengineered our processes and programs," said Former Health Secretary and Medical City president Alfredo Bengzon.

Medical City doctors control 40 percent of the hospital while Benpres Holdings Corp. owns about 20 percent.

The rest is held by other part-

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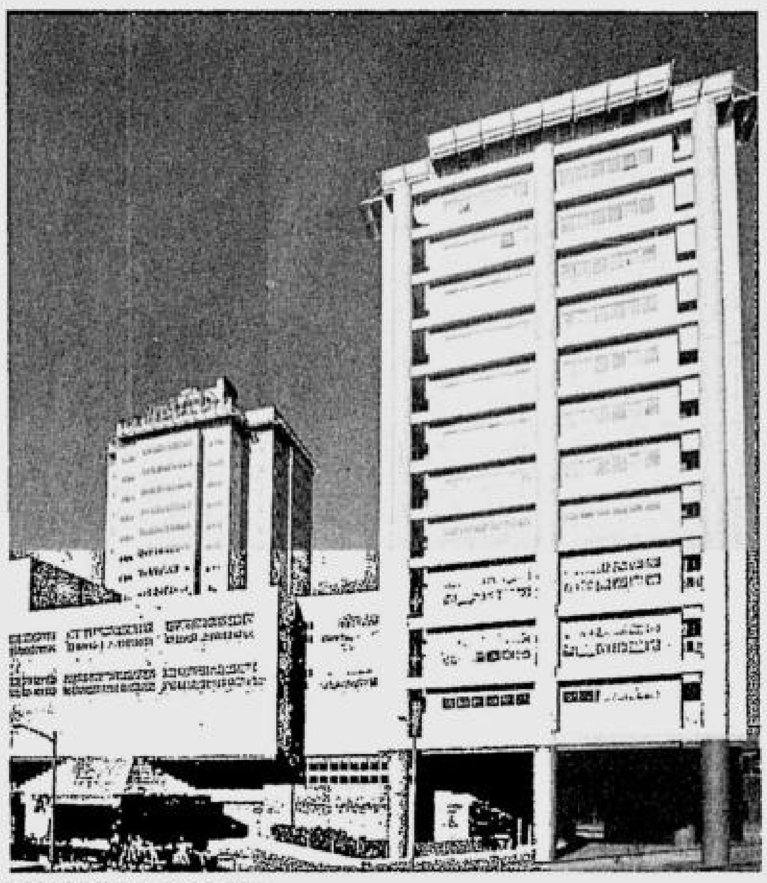

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# Asian gets spirited

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*Victor C. Agustin*

ASIAN Spirit has this week reached an agreement with British manufacturer Bae Systems to acquire four Bae 146 passenger jets for $24 million, Asian Spirit chairman Noel Onate said.

Asian Spirit, which started operations plying the so-called missionary routes abandoned by Philippine Airlines, will field the new planes out of Manila and Clark to service the busier and more mainstream provincial destinations in the Visayas and Mindanao.

Two of the Bae 146, the so-called 100 series, are scheduled to be delivered on Jan. 15, while the remaining two, the extended 200-series, are scheduled for a May 15 delivery.

To be configured six-abreast to seat 80 and 100 mono-class passengers, respectively, the 146s have STOL (short takeoff and landing) capability and have a 2,730-kilometer range, long enough for Asian Spirit to accept regional charter and, probably later in the future, scheduled passenger services as well.

Asian Spirit has one BAe ATP twin turboprop, currently the biggest in its 15-plane fleet, with a seating capacity for 70 passengers.

The rest of the fleet, smaller turboprops, are a hodgepodge of five de Havilland Dash-7s, three Spanish-Indonesian Casas, three Lets and three YS-11s, the latter being leased from Aboitiz Air.

Onate said Asian Spirit plans to eventually streamline the fleet into a single family of aircraft for better maintenance and yield management.

Its Clark to Caticlan flights are scheduled to synchronize with the Asiana flights from Korea, with Asian Spirit ferrying the South Korean tourists and honeymooners to and from the popular island-resort of Boracay.

### Property plays

- THE BERNASCONI family firm that has a competing ownership claim over Sen. Edgardo Angara's weekend farm in Nasugbu, Batangas, is actually the Far East Enterprises Inc., not Fedman Development Corp. as reported in Wednesday's column.

Fedman, which is also suing Angara over a portion of the property, has Federico M. Serrano listed instead as president.

- ROBINSONS Supermarket has taken over the space vacated by Uniwide in the former Good Earth Emporium building in Santa Cruz. The half-a-century-old building is being spruced up, like all the pre-war and post-war buildings lining up the Avenida Rizal stretch from Carriedo up to Azcarraga, or what is now known as Claro M. Recto Avenue.

- THE AQUA Restaurant and Bar in The Enterprise, the toast of the town when it was new, has quietly closed down, leaving former Finance Secretary Roberto Ongpin no favorite lunch and dinner hangout.

### Heard through the grapevine

THE LAW firm of the late Labor Secretary Augusto Sanchez has been wracked by infighting over management and money issues between the widow and the remaining partners.

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## ₱13.4 BILLION

# IFC to extend help to SPV taking over NHMFC loans

**By Doris C. Dumlao**

INTERNATIONAL Finance Corp., the private investment arm of the World Bank, will finalize before year-end a financing package for a special purpose vehicle that will manage P13.4 billion worth of bad loans.

The bad loans were purchased by a unit of Deutsche Bank from the state-owned National Home Mortgage Finance Corp.

IFC country manager Vipul Bhagat said the private investment arm of the World Bank was working with the NHMFC and the local unit of Deutsche Bank on the proper disposal of this housing portfolio.

"We hope to close this within the end of the year," Bhagat said.

The proposed arrangement, he said, was a third party acquisition financing to bring down Deutsche Bank unit's cost of acquiring the the non-performing loans of NHMFC.

Under the arrangement, a loan would be provided to the successful bidder, such as Deutsche Bank, to help it acquire the bad loans.

The loan usually amounts to half of what the buyers are willing to pay for the assets.

Last May, NHMFC sold the delinquent housing loans to the German lender's affiliate DB Real Estate Global Opportunities IB LP, which took in a 51-percent interest in the loans and formed an SPV to manage the restructuring and collection of loans.

NHMFC retained a 49-percent interest in the loans through the SPV, and will share in the future loan collection and recovery proceeds.

Bhagat said IFC was interested in helping the Philippine banking sector unload bad assets through the SPV framework.

"We're also talking to a couple of other banks to help them unload their Ropoas (real and other properties owned and acquired)," Bahagat said.

He said IFC was in talks with Land Bank of the Philippines for a similar financing arrangement.

Land Bank plans to auction off next month P17 to P19 billion worth of non-performing assets using the SPV framework, expected to be the largest sale of bad assets in the Philippines.

The transaction portfolio offered by the bank was seen as an attractive investment.

The portfolio includes 100 accounts, most of which were a combination of large corporate non-performing loans and foreclosed assets.

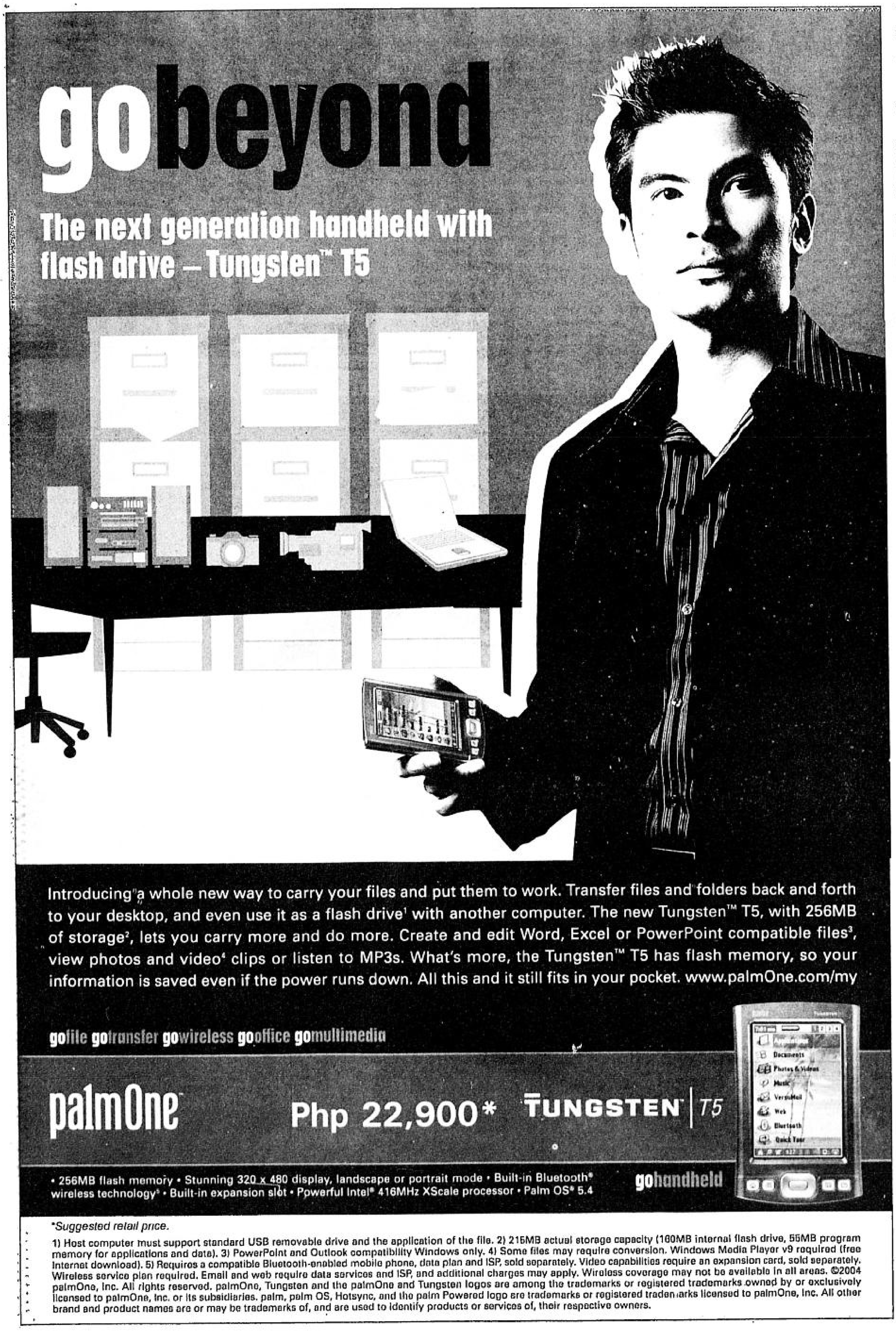
LBP tapped Ernst & Young as financial advisor for the transaction.

Another multilateral lender, Asian Development Bank, has likewise expressed interest in helping Philippine banks unload bad assets using the SPV framework.

The SPV Law was passed to help banks clean up their books by waiving some of the taxes and reducing fees usually collected from the sale or transfer of assets.

The law waived the documentary stamp tax, capital gains tax and e-VAT (expanded value-added tax) and likewise reduced the registration/transfer fees by 50 percent.

The tax reliefs and other benefits are available only up to April 8, 2005.



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# Mindanao's total cargo volume up 8%

DAVAO CITY—Mindanao's total cargo volume for the first half of 2004 rose by over 8 percent, according to the Mindanao Economic Development Council.

Data from MEDCo showed that the island's total sea cargo volume increased by 8.4 percent compared to the same period last year.

The MEDCo data also showed that the Zamboanga port was the busiest hub in the entire island.

Domestic cargo accounted for 73 percent of the total goods and products moving in and out of Mindanao, while foreign cargo accounted for 27 percent.

The total foreign cargo volume, which surged by 11.76 percent compared to last year's, was recorded at 2.9 million metric tons because of continuous export and import activities.

Also, shipcalls were up by 9.05% over the same period last year, with some 40,461 domestic and foreign vessels docking in Mindanao ports.

"The noted rise in Mindanao's shipping performance reflects the effectiveness of President Arroyo's Strong Republic Nautical Highway, which paved the way for cheaper inter-island connection and trading through Roll On-Roll Off (RO-RO) transport," MEDCo chair Secretary Jesus Dureza said.

The RO-RO transport initiative is seen to boost progress across the nation through the use of transportation networks that will serve as entries for trade and investments. It is part of the President's 10-point agenda.

Major commodities traded in Mindanao were coconut, banana, pineapple, tuna, activated carbon, rubber, cement and mangoes.

These products were exported to the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, Korea, Taiwan, China, Singapore, Iran, United Kingdom, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia.

But passenger activities in Mindanao ports were not as lively as the cargo trade. Only about 8.37 million passengers, or an increase of 2.23 percent, was recorded in the first six months of 2004. *Jeffrey M. Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Medical City opens ₱5-B hospital complex

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ners such as Manila Electric Co., R&R Incorporated, Insular Life Assurance Co., United Laboratories Inc., The Asian Development Bank, San Miguel Corp. and the Mercury Group of Companies.

Bengzon said the project was funded through revenues from operations, additional equity from several investors and loans.

Medical City has a pool of 300 regular doctors and 500 visiting doctors. It also runs satellite clinics in Antipolo, Pasig, Cainta, Fairview and along Congressional Avenue near Muñoz market.

Bengzon said hospital management was willing to sell its former headquarters along San Miguel Ave. to finance the future expansion of the complex.

Bengzon, however, refused to identify the prospective buyers of the San Miguel Ave. facility.

The old four-storey hospital sits on a 24,000-square meter prime property in Ortigas. Its operations, except the radiation and cancer treatment facilities, stopped in late June, after operating for more than 37 years.

# Stocks

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Wednesday its third-quarter profits increased 13.2 percent.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) rose 2.55 percent or 35 pesos to 1,410 pesos on expectations of strong third quarter profits after it introduced new mobile phone services. PLDT will announce its results on Nov. 4.

In the broader market, gainers swamped losers 66 to 25 while the prices of 28 issued were unchanged.

Value turnover dipped to P930.78 million from P1.53 billion on Wednesday. Reuters

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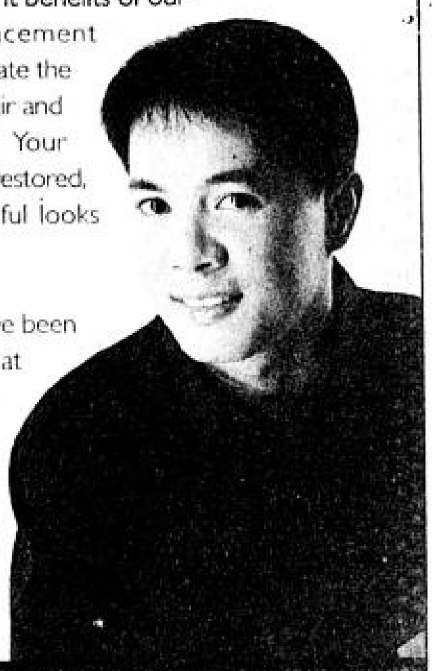

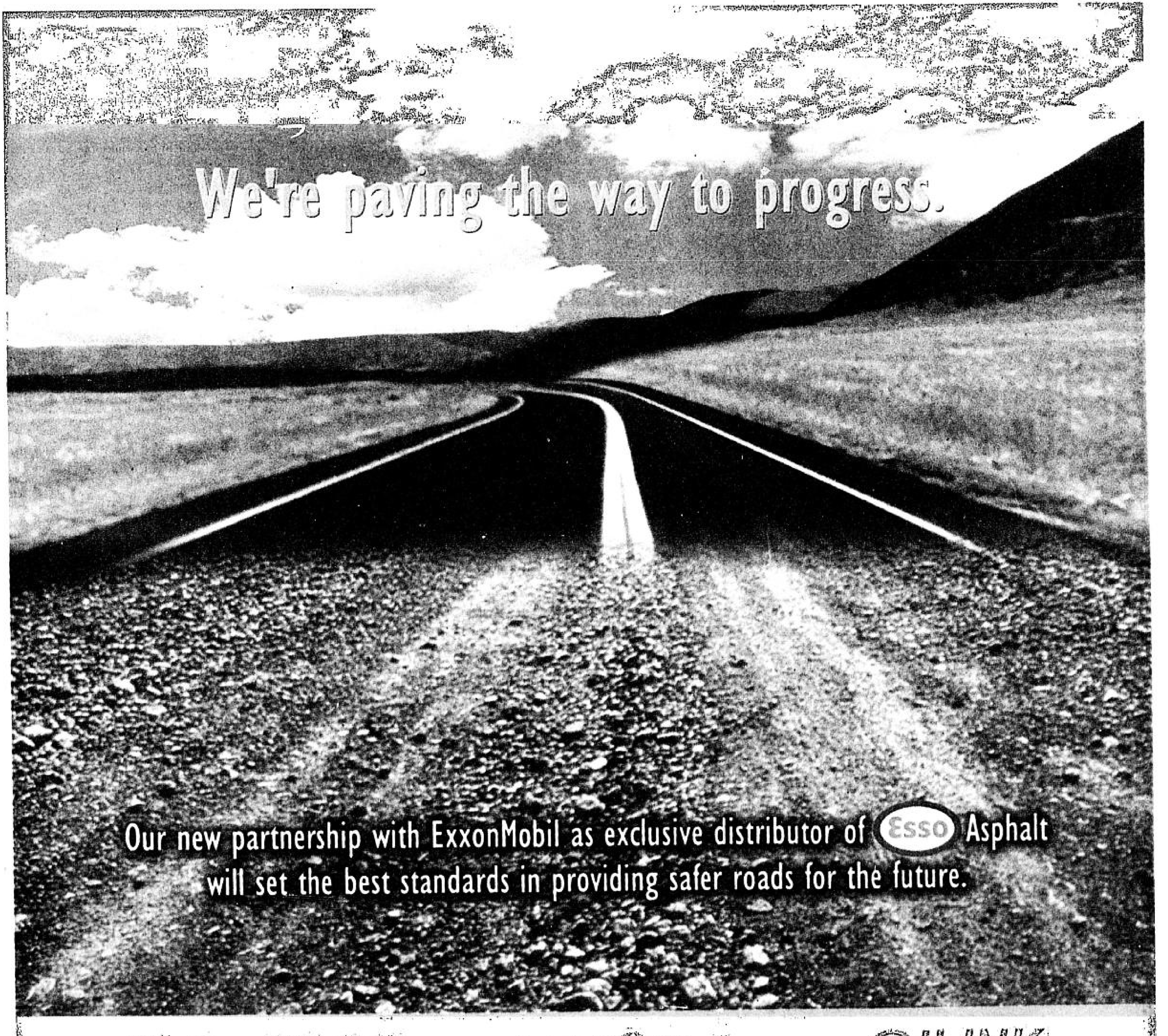
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# BSP urged to buy dollars to boost GIR

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas was urged to buy foreign currencies from the open market to address its dwindling gross international reserves (GIR), instead of pressuring the government to undertake more foreign borrowings.

"The government will shoulder more risks if it borrows more from foreign sources. The BSP can build up its international reserves not only through government borrowings, but by buying forex from open market operations," said a ranking official of the Department of Finance.

The official said it was not practical for the government to increase its foreign borrowings because it could only worsen its fiscal problem. He explained that more foreign borrowings could put to risk the already unhealthy fiscal state of the government if the peso would further depreciate.

The source, however, said the BSP had to exercise prudence in buying foreign currencies from the open market because the foreign exchange was sensitive to such an act.

He also said the BSP could directly borrow from commercial sources to beef up its reserves.

The finance official gave the suggestion following comments of the UK-based Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corp. (HSBC), which said the government's preference to reduce its foreign borrowings was ill-timed because it would aggravate the problem of the country's decreasing forex reserves.

HSBC said the government could not depend so much on domestic sources for its borrowings because the local capital market was not liquid enough. The bank was supporting the BSP's position that the national government should increase its programmed foreign denominated borrowings to ease pressure on the central bank's precarious GIR level.

The national government has programmed a 78:22 borrowing mix for next year in favor of domestic sources. The BSP, however, is suggesting that the amount of foreign borrowings be raised to at least 40 percent to help address the decreasing GIR.

The BSP's GIR slipped to $15.91 billion in September from $16 billion August. The GIR level, however, was still within the $14 billion to $15 billion full-year projection of the BSP.

The finance official said the BSP had other options to increase its GIR aside from convincing the national government to undertake more foreign borrowings. He added that the forex reserves were also expected to be beefed up once investments in National Power Corp. come in.

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This was reported by PITC president and chief executive officer Anthony Abad who said the net income was also a major improvement from the P7.725 million net loss during the same eight-month period last year.

The positive performance, Abad said, was the result of focused business activities during the past two years.

PITC maximized the benefits of the government's counter-trade and pharmaceuticals programs, of which PITC is the lead implementing agency, he explained.

PITC has been at the forefront of the country's counter-trade program, working with various government agencies to assist in packaging counter-trade and offset arrangements.

Among major counter-trade deals was the $6.1-million offset arising from the Armed Forces of the Philippines' (AFP's) procurement of some $7.6 million of high-frequency single side band transceivers from Harris Corp. in line with the AFP Modernization Program. Another countertrade arrangement was also completed in connection with the $2.1-million squad automatic weapon (SAW) procurement by the Philippine Army.

Abad said PITC also implemented the "Presyong Tama, Gamot Pampamilya" Program of the government in line with the commitment to bring down the prices of medicines in the country.

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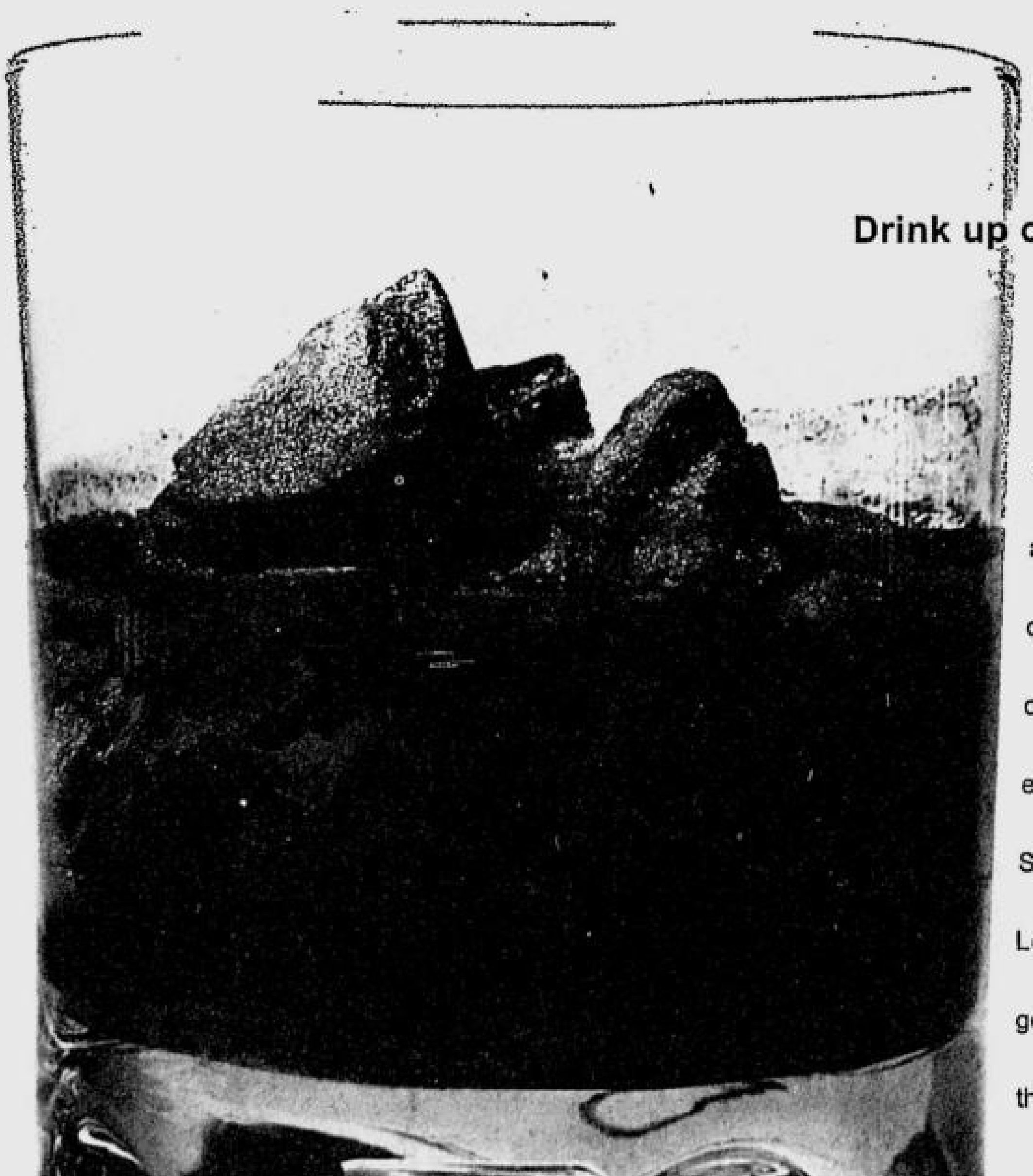
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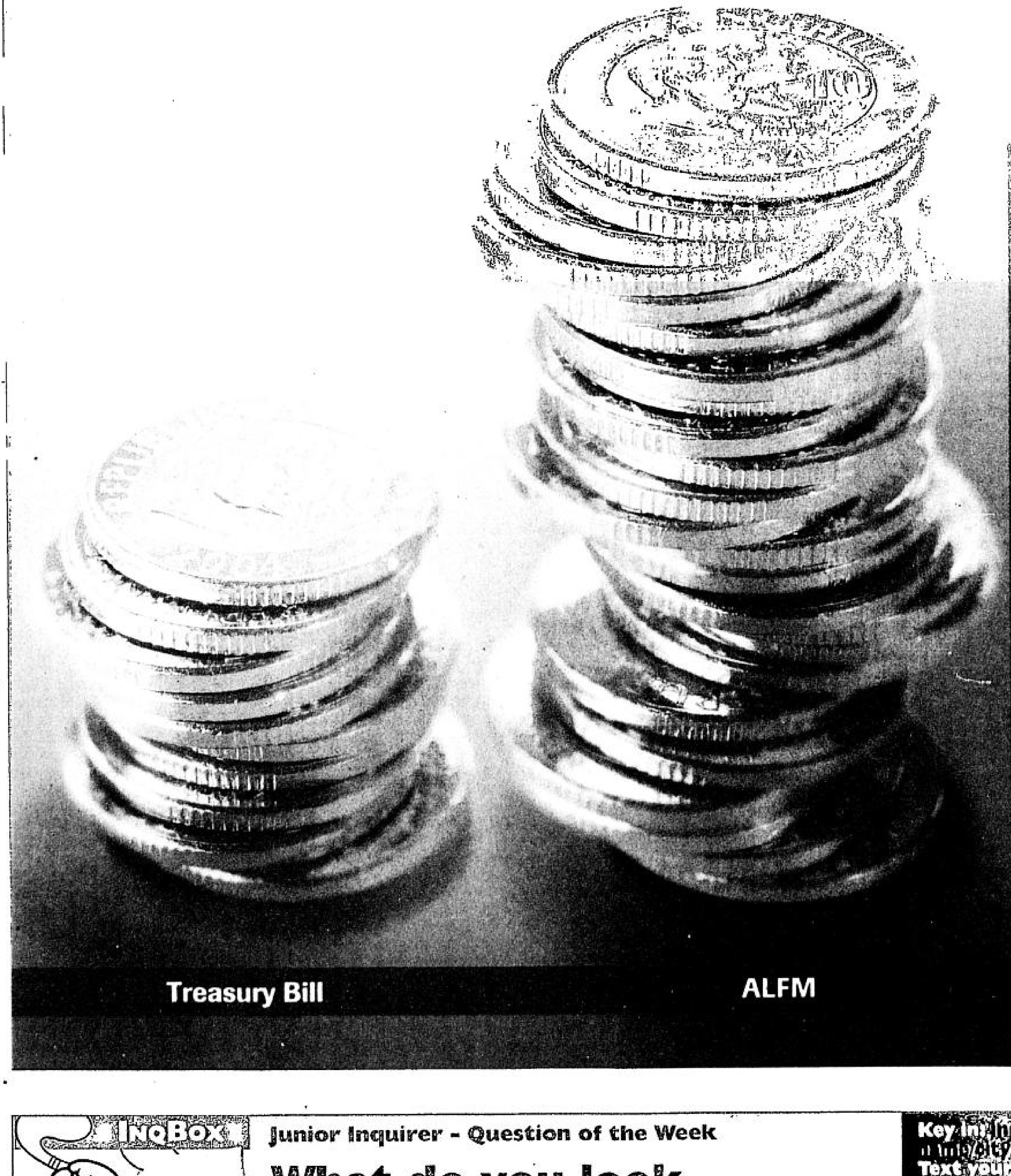

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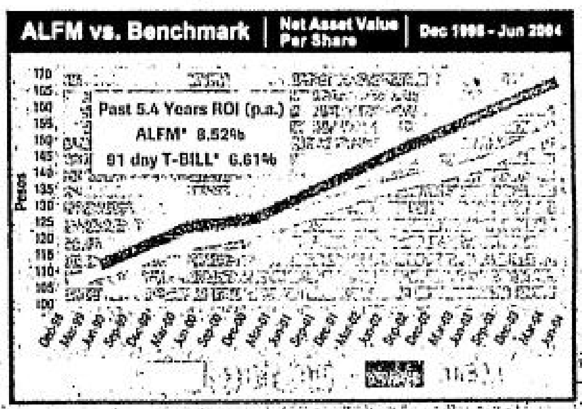

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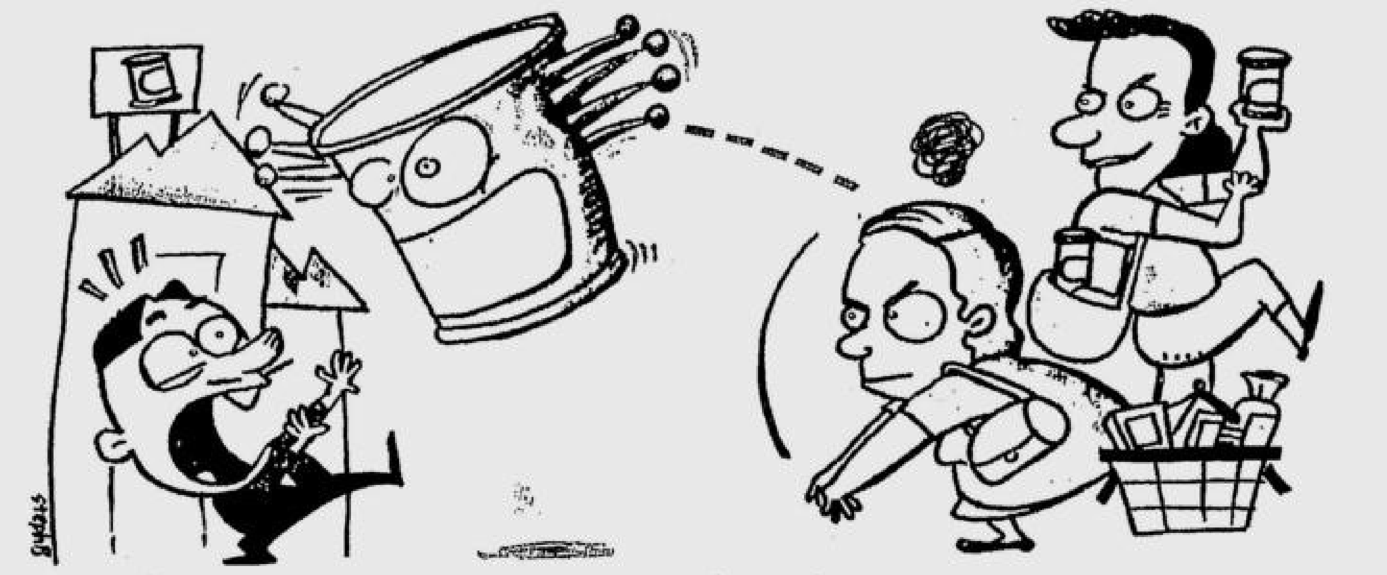
# Buyers, fight for your right to complain

**By Tina Arceo-Dumlao**



THE CUSTOMER is king.

This is one of the biblical truths held sacred by anybody who sells products and services.

It does not ring as true, however, in the Philippines, where customers are often treated like slaves.

Slaves, that is, to unscrupulous individuals who sell defective or unsafe products, make exaggerated claims in their advertisements, do not honor service and product warranties or salesmen who resort to intimidation and hard-sell tactics to make a fast buck.

Part of the blame can be put on the Filipinos' natural aversion to confrontations and reluctance to voice out valid complaints.

But a big part can be attributed to most consumers' lack of awareness of their consumer rights, making them victims of these unjust and unfair practices by some traders, producers and merchants.

Here is where the Department of Trade and Industry wants to come in.

Adrian S. Cristobal Jr., DTI Undersecretary for Consumer Welfare and Trade Regulation, tells the INQUIRER that customers need not keep quiet when they feel that they were cheated or they did not get the product that they paid for, as their rights are guaranteed under RA 7394 or the Consumer Act of the Philippines.

The "no return, no exchange" policy, for instance, is absolutely prohibited. Consumers, he says, have the right to return shoddy or defective products or demand compensation if a service is not up to par.

"As long as it is a product defect, and not a matter of taste or color, then the product can be returned," Cristobal says.

Consumers also have the right to fight it out with companies whose products' performance or services fell far short of their promise.

Unfortunate buyers of hair growers that did not grow hair, whiteners that did not lighten skin and slimming creams that did not shave off pounds from their frame can lodge a complaint with the Department of Health's Bureau of Food and Drugs.

Insurance companies that did not honor claims, on the other hand, and firms that refused to issue receipts have to answer to the Department of Finance.

The DTI, meanwhile, looks after manufactured products such as appliances, cars, furniture, electrical wires, office machines, laundry soap, detergent bars, school supplies, processed milk, coffee and salt.

These and other government agencies are part of Consumernet, which links all agencies involved in consumer welfare and protection.

Cristobal adds that DTI personnel regularly make the rounds of the markets to make sure that the stalls have their price tags prominently displayed and that the scales are not rigged.

Consumers can also file a complaint with the DTI if a service firm refuses to honor valid warranties, or tries to get around it by imposing other requirements from the buyer.

Cristobal adds that consumers need not entertain all sales people who go to their homes or call them on the phone, saying that they must first secure permits from the DTI before they could engage in direct marketing.

The Consumer Act also provides that salesmen are only allowed to conduct home sales between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays, and they are not supposed to take advantage of a person's age or ignorance in making a sale.

Cristobal says that Filipino consumers still have a long way to go before they match the level of sophistication of consumers in other countries, particularly in the United States and Japan.

He, however, says that through information campaigns by government offices such as the DTI, more consumers are coming forward to report companies passing off substandard products.

Cristobal recommends that buyers look for the Philippine product seals on manufactured products, to ensure that these pass minimum government safety and performance standards.

Cristobal adds that the DTI has embarked on information campaigns to inform more consumers of their rights.

The DTI believes that a well-informed consumer is a vigilant and protected consumer, one who knows what he wants and gets what he paid for.

The DTI has even signed an agreement with the Department of Education to include standards education in the grade school and high school curriculum.

"We want to start developing quality consciousness among the youth and help breed a culture of excellence among Filipinos," Cristobal says.

Perhaps then, the Filipino consumer can truly be king.

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# *Let's be clear on the 2% EWT*

**By Sally P. So**
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**TAX-FILES**

IF YOUR company is a Top 10,000 private corporation, and you are not sure if you should withhold on purchases of services, then please read on.

Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 17-03, which took effect June 1, 2003, requires Top 10,000 corporations to withhold 2 percent EWT on income payments to their local/resident suppliers of services, including non-resident aliens engaged in trade or business in the Philippines, other than those covered by other rates of withholding tax.

## Who are the Top 10,000 private corporations?

The Top 10,000 private corporations include corporate taxpayers who have been determined and notified by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) as having satisfied any of the following criteria:

a) Classified and duly notified by the Commissioner as a large taxpayer under RR No. 1-98, as amended (automatic inclusion);

b) Any taxpayer with net VAT paid or payable for the preceding year of at least P100,000;

c) Any taxpayer with annual income tax paid or payable for the preceding year of at least P200,000;

d) Any taxpayer with percentage taxes for the preceding year of at least P100,000;

e) Any taxpayer whose gross sales for the preceding year is over P10 million; or

f) Any taxpayer whose gross purchases for the preceding year is over P5 million.

A Top 10,000 private corporation shall be notified in writing by the Commissioner that it has been selected as one.

Any corporation classified as a large taxpayer by the Commissioner shall be automatically considered one of the Top 10,000 private corporations.

However, its authority as a withholding agent shall be effective only upon receipt of written notice from the Commissioner.

## Who are the local/resident suppliers of services?

The term "local/resident supplier of services" pertains to a supplier from whom any of the Top 10,000 private corporations regularly makes its purchases.

As a general rule, this term does not include a casual purchase of services, often involving single purchases.

However, a single purchase which involves P10,000 or more shall be subject to a withholding tax.

The term "regular suppliers" refers to those who are engaged in business or exercise of profession/calling with whom the taxpayer-buyer has done at least six transactions, regardless of amount per transaction, either in the previous year or current year.

The BIR has issued a number of rulings on these matters. These include:

1. Interest payments on peso loans and service charges due to local banks—In BIR Ruling DA-104-04 dated March 8, 2004, the BIR ruled that ABC, a Top 10,000 private corporation, was mandated to withhold 2 percent EWT on services rendered by banks, including the withholding of 2 percent on the interest payments of its loans.

2. Telecommunication services—In BIR Ruling DA-028-04 dated Jan. 16, 2004, DEF requested a ruling on whether it was required to withhold 2 percent EWT on its telephone bill to PLDT.

The BIR ruled that for the income payment to PLDT to be subject to the 2 percent EWT, DEF must be among the Top 10,000 private corporations, as notified by the Commissioner, and has at least six transactions with PLDT, regardless of amount per transaction, either in the previous or current year.

Since PLDT can be considered a "regular supplier" of DEF, and DEF was a top 10,000 private corporation, then DEF is duty bound to withhold the 2 percent EWT on its income payments to PLDT.

3. Hotel bills, car repairs, etc.—In BIR Ruling DA-197-04 dated April 6, 2004, XYZ informed the BIR that it has income payments in cash, such as hotel bills, car repairs, etc., with establishments, shops where it has no existing credit limits.

At times, it makes cash purchases worth over P10,000.

In such case, no taxes were withheld since the income payments were not done through company checks. XYZ wanted to know the best thing to do with these transactions.

The BIR was of the opinion that for XYZ's income payments to hotels, automobile repair shops and other establishments to be subject to the 2 percent EWT, XYZ must have done at least six transactions with these hotels, shops or establishments, regardless of the amount per transaction, either in the previous year or current year.

## Are there entities whose income payments are EWT-exempt?

EWT does not apply to income payments made to the following:

1. National government agencies, including provincial, city, municipal governments and barangays except government-owned and -controlled corporations.

2. Persons exempted from payment of income taxes pursuant to the provisions of any law, general or special.

3. Corporations which are exempt from the income tax under Sec. 30 of the NIRC, such as the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the Social Security System (SSS), the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PHIC), the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor).

However, the income payments arising from any activity which is conducted for profit or income derived from real or personal property shall be subject to a withholding tax as prescribed in these regulations;

4. General professional partnerships;

5. Joint ventures or consortium formed to undertake construction projects or engage in petroleum, coal, geothermal and other energy operations under a service contract with the government.

Given the rulings issued by the BIR, Top 10,000 private corporations should now be clear on the need to withhold the 2 percent EWT.

And, considering that RR No. 17-03 took effect on June 1, 2003, Top 10,000 private corporations should have been implementing the provisions of the regulations for more than a year now.

Failure to withhold exposes the errant Top 10,000 private corporation to penalties for non-withholding of taxes.

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# Should a small start-up company bother about branding?

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QUESTION: "I've retired a little over two years ago, and I decided to invest my retirement money in two three-star hotels and one beach resort. I was at the Asian Music and Marketing Conference last week where I heard you speak about brand marketing, and the role of music and 'celebritics' in it.

As a small start-up company, should I be concerned about branding? I've always had the impression that I'll bother about branding when I get big. Also, I've heard my partners in the business talk about corporate, family and product branding. If ever I decide to invest in branding, how should I choose among corporate, family and product branding?"

Answer: You have two separate but related questions here. Let's diagnose the first one about branding when you're just starting your business.

When you had your children, what was one of the first things that you and your wife did?

We're quite certain that you were excited about choosing the name of each baby. (Unless, of course, you are like boxing legend turned infomercial marketer, George Foreman, who named his four or five sons, George II, George III, George IV, George V, etc.) Nevertheless, naming kids was an act of branding.

You must do the same for your new "babies," your two hotels and beach resort. You not only want to give them a name, you want that name known to prospective customers, and retained in the minds of their customers.

## Hotel Sogo case

A classic case here is Hotel Sogo of Bobbit Olanday.

Bobbit is an AIM graduate who dared to go into the rather crowded downscale hotel service industry. He went into business with equally bold-minded friends who retired as operating executives from the motel business of the King clan (known for its Anito and Victoria Court motels).

From the start, Bobbit carefully crafted the Hotel Sogo name together with the brand's visual expressions (like its signage, fonts, symbols, graphics). And he had a cost-effective program for getting the brand known and retained in the memories of his target customers and hotel guests.

For example, as you drive along Edsa Guadalupe, you have to try hard not to see Hotel Sogo's colorful signages and billboards. Its signages are on almost every small shop within the area (canteens and *carinderias*, convenience shops, fruit and news stands, etc.).

That's the same attention-getting, attention-holding and memory-retaining reminder media that Victoria Court and Anito extensively used.

Big, giant companies use it as well: Coca-Cola, Pepsi and San Miguel (especially for Sari-Sari stores, Beer Gardens and *carinderias*.) But it's particularly effective with service businesses, like Hotel Sogo.

Now, on to your second question about choosing from among corporate, family and product branding. But first, let's be clear about each branding strategy.

Corporate branding is branding by the company's name as in the case of GE, for example. On the other hand, family branding can be corporate branding or "umbrella" branding, but it gives different names for its specific products. An example is GM, which sells its different car models under the names of Chevy, Buick, Cadillac, etc. Finally, product branding is the marketing of many different product brands without being explicit about the different brands' link with the parent company.

P&G is known for this branding strategy. Look at its participation in the toilet bar soap category where it has Safeguard, Camay, Oil of Olay, Coast, Ivory and Zest.

How do you choose from among these three alternative branding strategies? Marketing has no hard and fast rules to guide you. But some basic considerations are available to help you in diagnosing your decision tree. Greg Carpenter, from the senior MRx's alma mater, the Kellogg Management School at Northwestern University, has conveniently summarized these basic considerations as follows.

## Corporate branding

When thinking about corporate branding ...

- If it's a priority for you to represent in the brand, the customers' relationship with the company more than with the product, then go for corporate branding. The case in point is Starbucks and its brand positioning as "an indulgence experience ... a brief reprieve from a hectic day in the office."
- If you want a common name for your multiple products so that the common name can help define and enrich your brand image for "a way of life" (as in Body Shop), or a "way of doing things" (as in HSBC), then corporate branding is appropriate.
- If you want the efficiencies that corporate branding offers, like in being able to concentrate your advertising and promotions money on developing just one single brand name, then corporate branding is the logical choice with one important qualification.

Make sure that all the products under the corporate brand name have consumer associations compatible with those of the brand. Remember what happened to the line of perfume that pen manufacturer, BIC, introduced under its corporate brand name?

## Family branding

When thinking about family branding ...

- If your different products target different consumer segments that have distinctive associations with each of your different products while sharing a common affiliation with your corporate brand, then the situation favors family branding.

This branding strategy is a tradition in the car industry. For example, GM has a Chevy, a Buick, and a Cadillac, each targeted to a distinct car-buying segment. The exception was Saturn which was set up as a separate company rather than an additional GM product line. The Saturn image was not compatible with the GM image.

- If your different products target different use occasions and where the common affiliation with a corporate or umbrella brand gives a perceived assurance of quality, then family branding will work.

This is illustrated by the case of L'eggs (a corporate umbrella brand) when it extended into the usage product brands of "Sheer Energy," a support hosiery product, and "Knee Highs," for outdoor hose wear.

## Product branding

When thinking about product branding ...

- If you want to appeal to distinct consumer segments who each prefer the image associated with the usage or need category a particular segment "owns" and wish to separate from brands belonging to some other usage categories, then this P&G type of branding applies.

Market segmentation research, for example, has shown that the Safeguard users are proud of being germ phobic and look down on soap users of Ivory whom they regard as having the wrong value priority in favor of cosmetics.

- If you have deep enough pockets to fund the development of multiple but unrelated brands, then product branding can be highly successful as P&G has demonstrated. Deep pockets are required to build the image and equity of many separate brands.

Whether corporate, family or product branding, is it good to abbreviate the brand name as in the case of IBM, TGIF and PLDT?

It is good to abbreviate AFTER you've established your name, that is, after your name has gained some loyalty. After all, brand equity refers to the meaning associated with your brand name.

Therefore, when you're just starting, it is harder to build that loyalty with an abbreviation, as against a complete name. This has been demonstrated by brands that abbreviated only after they've gained stature and reputation. For example, IBM started as "International Business Machine." Only after it became well-known and respected in its line of business that it abbreviated into IBM. So did 3M. That was Minnesota Machineries & Mining Corporation. Similar to IBM, only after reaching a multinational size did it abbreviate its long name into 3M. *(E-mail your questions or comments to eroberto@edsamail.com.ph .Or text us at 0919-314-5412.)*

# Governance beyond government

**By Ernesto M. Ordoñez**

**COMMENTARY**

"GOVERNANCE is too important to be left to government alone."

This was what Remy Rikken of the Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics said last week during a seminar attended by participants from 12 countries.

There is much wisdom in Rikken's words. During the early days of Greece, where democracy originated, each person participated actively in his or her community's governance. They were called "polites."

But as the communities grew, more people started thinking only of their own interests at the expense of their community. They were called "idiotes."

The "idiotes" were either people who actually harmed the community or preferred to do nothing rather than get involved.

## 'Idiotes'

This latter group are the ones alluded to with the saying: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Today, we not only have a financial crisis, we also have a national one. This is because we have too few "polites" and too many "idiotes."

**SUBSIDIES**

| Country | 2000 Actual Subsidy | DOHA Base Maximum Allowed Subsidy | New Agreement on Subsidies with 20 % cut |
|---|---|---|---|
| US | US $ 24.8 B | US $ 47.8 B | US $ 38.1B |
| EU | US $ 73.2 B | US $113.9 B | US $ 91.1 B |
| Japan | US $ 6.8 B | US $ 45.8 B | US $ 36.7 B |
| Philippines | US $ 0.3 B | - | - |

As in the government sector, this may also be true in the private sector. There are people out there who may be referred to as capable and well-meaning but, as another saying goes, "evil triumphs because good men do nothing."

These good men should join the ranks of the "polites" in the private sector who are contributing significantly to the governance of our nation.

## WTO Agreement

Take for example, what has happened during the July 30, 2004 Framework Agreement of the World Trade Organization. Immediately after the negotiation, the Philippine delegation announced a successful outcome.

It is true that RP officials succeeded in negotiating helpful new categories called "Special Products" and "Special Safeguard Measures."

These would have allowed better trading terms for developing countries. But the terms have not been fully fleshed out, and still need to be discussed at a future meeting.

It took a "polites" from the private sector to point out that while we got some vague concessions, the developed nations won large specific advantages. These advantages contribute further to an even more unfair trade regime.

## Lower tariff rates

The WTO requires us to decrease our tariff rates in preparation for an eventual free trade regime.

However, this assumes an international level playing field. Thus, if we are forced to decrease our tariffs, the developed nations must also decrease their subsidies.

Raul Montemayor of the Federation of Free Farmers' Cooperatives revealed (see table above) that the new framework agreement required developed nations to decrease their subsidies from the previously agreed upon DOHA base level.

However, even with this 20 percent decrease, their subsidy level far exceeds the already huge subsidies they enjoyed in 2000.

## No level playing field

Comparing the subsidies of Japan, the United States and the European Union with the Philippines', it is obvious there is no level playing field.

It is therefore grossly unfair for the WTO to demand tariff reductions from us when the subsidies of the developed countries are not increased. In fact, ironically, they are allowed to increase.

With Montemayor's analysis and this eye-opener, we are now better equipped to handle the governance of our international trade relations.

This is a clear example of how governance should not be entirely left with the government. Otherwise, we may have been misled with the government's initial favorable evaluation of the new WTO Framework Agreement.

## Action Taken

Last Oct. 17, another "polites" from the nongovernment sector took action.

Vicente Fabe, chair of Pakisama, called a meeting of selected farmer leaders to discuss the WTO agreement. During the meeting, Liza Bernabe of the Philippine Peasant Institute, presented Montemayor's analysis.

She recommended that the farmers and the fisherfolk take a united stand on this agreement. They would then consult Segfredo Serrano, Department of Agriculture assistant secretary, who has previously shown a good understanding of the plight of the small farmers and fisherfolk.

## A united stand

On Nov. 5, the Alyansa Agrikultura, the largest farmer-fisherfolk coalition with 39 national and local federations and organizations, will formulate such a united stand during their strategic planning conference.

Their intention is to have a solid front on this issue. They then will work with the other "polites" in the government for the proper negotiation of our international trade relations.

It is hoped that more "polites," such as Montemayor, Fabe and Bernabe, will step up from the private sector. Governance will then not just be left to government. In the true spirit of democracy, governance will be overseen by all.

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# DTI: RP garments trade faces bright prospects

**By Ronnel W. Domingo**

BRIGHT prospects in the Philippine garments industry continue to draw players as one more firm, a Filipino-Chinese joint venture, has registered with the Board of Investments to put up a P5-million fabrics production facility.

Trade Secretary Cesar V. Purisima said the firm's venture into the country's manufacturing sector displayed the optimism of garments firms in the future of the industry, even as the worldwide abolition of the quota system drew near.

According to the Department of Trade and Industry, Capital Roll-Knit Corp., which is 70-percent Filipino and 30-percent Chinese, would open 58 new jobs to produce woven and knitted fabrics.

Capital Roll-Knit would export 75 percent of its output, the bulk of which would go the the United States.

By Jan. 1 next year, the quota system for garments and textiles would end as provided under the World Trade Organization's 1994 Agreement of Textile and Clothing or the Multi-fiber Agreement.

PURISIMA

Purisima said the new order would result in stiffer competition in the international market.

"This means buyers will be free to source from the most efficient players at the lowest cost and with the shortest production and supply cycle," he said.

"This arrangement would be advantageous to local garments firms as the Philippine industry is undergoing transformation to reach global competitive standards," he added.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez, who is also BOI chief, said Capital Roll-Knit was confident that it could sustain its operations in such an environment through technical know-how, financial stability and maintaining its commitment to constantly deliver high-quality products.

The BOI, for its part, was committed to continuously support the local garments and textile industry and ensure that it would endure beyond 2004.

Capital Roll-Knit would enjoy an income tax holiday and other perks as a BOI-registered firm.

"We hope that the company would be among the best performing players in the local industry by (developing its strength in the export market)," Hernandez said.

Last week, the Garments and Textiles Board said export earnings from fabrics and apparel were expected to grow 5 percent in 2004.

The figure is better than the previously expected flat growth rate.

The industry also appears to benefit from the quota-free system with a projected 15-percent growth by the end of 2005, the GTEB added.

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# Globe Q3 profits drop 34%

By Clarissa S. Batino

Globe Telecom Inc. yesterday reported a 34-percent drop in profits during the third quarter with P2.05 billion against the P3.13 billion posted in 2003.

The company said aggressive marketing, network rollout and debt improvement to accelerate growth in the future, contributed to the slowdown in net earnings.

Globe's net income in the first nine months of P8.96 billion was 19.4 percent higher than P7.5 billion a year ago, thanks to strong earnings in the first half, particularly during the second quarter when election spending helped boost sales and subscriber take-up.

## Operations

Net operating revenue during the third quarter grew by only 9.3 percent to P13.66 billion against P12.5 billion in the same period last year. Earnings from operations went up slightly to P3.9 billion from P3.6 billion last year.

Operating sales in the first nine months stood at P41.3 billion or 13.75 percent more against P36.3 billion in the same period last year. Out of the revenue, operating profit reached P13.24 billion compared to P11.66 billion in 2003.

Globe said it added 1.2 million subscribers from July to September, a level lower than the 1.4 million customers added during the second quarter when net income reached P3.8 billion.

## Strict policy

The firm, a joint venture of Ayala Corp. and Singapore Telecom, said it adopted stricter policy of counting subscribers during the third quarter, booking them only when these begin to generate outgoing revenue.

The company said it would have added 2.1 million new customers during the third quarter under the old policy. And, had Globe not prepaid loans, it said profits would have reached P2.6 billion.

Expenses during the third quarter reached P9.7 billion or 9.4 percent higher against P8.86 billion a year ago. From January to September, cost and expenses went to P28.04 billion from P24.6 billion last year.

## New loans

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization or Ebitda, which indicates a company's ability to service its debt rose to P24.9 billion in the first three quarters. Of this, P8.5 billion came during the second quarter and P8.3 billion in the first quarter.

The company said Ebitda margin improved to 64 percent from 59 percent in the first half of 2003.

Despite forging new loans, the company's total debt stood at P52 billion as of end September, down from P53 billion in the first half. Globe's total asset base, however, dropped to P139 billion from P146 billion in the first half.

## PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of October 28, 2004)

| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| BANKS | | | | | |
| Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc. | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 106,000 |
| Banco De Oro Univ. Bank | 19.25 | 19.75 | 19.25 | 19.25 | 306,300 |
| Bank Of The Phil. Islands | 46 | 47 | 45.5 | 47 | 2,337,400 |
| China Banking Corp. | 525 | 530 | 525 | 530 | 8,520 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 43.5 | 45.5 | 43.5 | 44.5 | 343,900 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 28 | 28 | 27.5 | 27.5 | 80,700 |
| Philippine National Bank | 22.5 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 16,500 |
| Rizal Comm. Banking Corp. | 12.5 | 13 | 12.5 | 13 | 2,400 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 20.5 | 21.5 | 20.5 | 21 | 569,100 |
| Union Bank Of The Phil. | 22.75 | 22.75 | 22.75 | 22.75 | 700 |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES | | | | | |
| Bankard Inc. | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 100,000 |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 2490 | 2500 | 2490 | 2500 | 520 |
| PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc. | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 4,000 |
| Phil. Stock Exchange Inc. | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 100 |
| Sun Life Financial Inc. | 1655 | 1660 | 1655 | 1660 | 430 |
| COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL | | | | | |
| COMMUNICATION | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 16,700 |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc. | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 15,182,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 1015 | 1065 | 1010 | 1055 | 25,110 |
| Ipeople Inc. | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.66 | 1.66 | 191,000 |
| ISM Communications Corp. | 0.034 | 0.035 | 0.034 | 0.035 | 1,200,000 |
| Liberty Telecoms Holdings | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 70,000 |
| Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp. | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 2.44 | 2.6 | 2.44 | 2.6 | 7,719,000 |
| Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co. | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 30,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 1395 | 1415 | 1395 | 1410 | 84,140 |
| Ivantage Corp. | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 200,000 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.012 | 0.012 | 78,800,000 |
| POWER & ENERGY | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 15.75 | 15.75 | 15.75 | 15.75 | 56,700 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 24.25 | 24.5 | 24 | 24.25 | 1,067,600 |
| Petron Corp. | 3.05 | 3.15 | 3.05 | 3.1 | 9,250,000 |
| TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | | | | | |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 242,000 |
| Keppel Phils. Marine Inc. | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 50,000 |
| CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS | | | | | |
| Republic Cement Corp. | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 100,000 |
| Union Cement Corp. | 2.32 | 2.42 | 2.3 | 2.36 | 7,074,000 |
| FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 2.95 | 2.95 | 2.95 | 2.95 | 10,000 |
| Cosmos Bottling Corp. | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4,000 |
| Ginebra San Miguel Inc. | 29.5 | 30 | 29.5 | 30 | 55,000 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 29 | 30.5 | 29 | 30 | 1,146,900 |
| RFM Corp. | 0.74 | 0.77 | 0.74 | 0.77 | 730,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 56.5 | 57 | 56.5 | 57 | 32,200 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 71.5 | 72.5 | 71.5 | 71.5 | 429,700 |
| Vitarich Corp. | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 240,000 |
| HOLDING FIRMS | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.004 | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.0044 | 211,000,000 |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg B | 0.004 | 0.0046 | 0.004 | 0.0046 | 16,000,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 20,167,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 3.45 | 3.5 | 3.45 | 3.5 | 707,000 |
| Ajo.Net Holdings Inc. | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.023 | 0.023 | 1,600,000 |
| A. Soriano Corp. | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 200,000 |
| APC Group Inc. | 0.0625 | 0.0625 | 0.0625 | 0.0625 | 600,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.0065 | 0.0075 | 0.0065 | 0.007 | 531,000,000 |
| Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc. | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 8,500 |
| Boulevard Holdings Inc. | 0.135 | 0.135 | 0.135 | 0.135 | 100,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 0.56 | 0.57 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 4,630,000 |
| A Brown Company Inc. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 510,000 |
| Basic Consolidated Inc. | 0.155 | 0.155 | 0.155 | 0.155 | 700,000 |
| Crown Equities Inc. | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 600,000 |
| Southeast Asian Cement | 0.125 | 0.13 | 0.125 | 0.13 | 350,000 |
| DMCI Holdings Inc. | 3.15 | 3.4 | 3.15 | 3.4 | 8,543,000 |
| Ever-Gotesco Resources | 0.03 | 0.031 | 0.03 | 0.031 | 1,000,000 |
| Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp. | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.25 | 4.25 | 46,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp. | 26.5 | 27.5 | 26.5 | 27 | 545,500 |
| Forum Pacific Inc. | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 1,500,000 |
| Global Equities Inc | 0.065 | 0.0675 | 0.065 | 0.065 | 3,400,000 |
| Ionics Inc. | 1.66 | 1.8 | 1.66 | 1.7 | 206,000 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 1.96 | 1.96 | 1.96 | 1.96 | 100,000 |
| Macroasia Corp. | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 20,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 1.22 | 1.3 | 1.22 | 1.28 | 4,972,000 |
| Multitech Inv. Corp. | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 70,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.4 | 0.41 | 13,180,000 |
| Prime Orion Phils. Inc. | 0.155 | 0.16 | 0.155 | 0.155 | 2,700,000 |
| Prime Media Holdings Inc. | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 10,000 |
| East Asia Power Res. Corp. | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 200,000 |
| Solid Group Inc. | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 200,000 |
| Wellex Industries Inc. | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.205 | 0.205 | 3,700,000 |
| Waterfront Phils. Inc. | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.205 | 0.205 | 8,820,000 |
| MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING | | | | | |
| Corro-Coat Inc. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 5,000 |
| Music Semiconductors Corp | 1.6 | 1.62 | 1.6 | 1.62 | 129,000 |
| Mabuhay Vinyl Corp. | 0.89 | 0.9 | 0.89 | 0.9 | 610,000 |
| HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 2,300,000 |
| Fairmont Holdings Inc. | 0.77 | 0.77 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 190,000 |
| Leisure & Resorts Corp. | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 30,000 |
| Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc. | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.36 | 0.39 | 33,550,000 |
| BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr) | 21 | 21.5 | 21 | 21.25 | 1,162,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series B | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 2,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series C | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 1,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series V | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 5,200 |
| OTHERS | | | | | |
| Centro Escolar University | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 60,000 |
| PROPERTY | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 17,485,000 |
| C & P Homes Inc. | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 19,890,000 |
| Cyber Bay Corp. | 0.13 | 0.14 | 0.13 | 0.14 | 800,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 10,160,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 1.1 | 1.14 | 1.1 | 1.12 | 14,105,000 |
| Kuok Phil. Properties | 0.2 | 0.205 | 0.2 | 0.205 | 1,100,000 |
| Fil-Estate Land Inc. | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 2,000,000 |
| MRC Allied Ind. Inc. | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 50,000 |
| Robinsons Land Corp. | 2.06 | 2.06 | 2.06 | 2.06 | 35,000 |
| Phil Realty And Holdings | 0.225 | 0.225 | 0.19 | 0.225 | 17,760,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 5,224,000 |
| MINING | | | | | |
| Apex Mining Co. Inc. A | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 240,000 |
| Abra Mining & Industrial | 0.011 | 0.012 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 519,000,000 |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't | 3.7 | 3.85 | 3.7 | 3.75 | 108,000 |
| Benguet Corp. B | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 100,000 |
| Dizon Copper Silver Mines | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 20,000 |
| Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A | 0.225 | 0.225 | 0.225 | 0.225 | 60,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 590,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. A | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 130,100,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. B | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 47,000,000 |
| Omico Corp. | 0.0048 | 0.0048 | 0.0048 | 0.0048 | 237,000,000 |
| Polar Mines & Dev't Corp. | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 3,000,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. A | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 50,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 140,000 |
| United Paragon Mining Co | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 370,000 |
| OIL | | | | | |
| Imperial Res. | 0.013 | 0.014 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 20,100,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0044 | 0.0046 | 0.0044 | 0.0044 | 21,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.0046 | 0.0046 | 0.0046 | 0.0046 | 10,000,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. B | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 80,000 |
| Pacifica | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 14,200,000 |
| Petroenergy Res. Corp. | 2.6 | 2.65 | 2.6 | 2.65 | 38,000 |
| Sinophil Corp. | 0.035 | 0.035 | 0.035 | 0.035 | 1,300,000 |

## DISCLOSURES

**METROPOLITAN Bank and Trust Co.** elected Remedios Macalincag as independent director, replacing Felipe Alfonso who resigned.

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**BANKARD Inc.** appointed Ma. Liwayway Tan as vice president and head of compliance/ risk management/ internal audit, effective Nov. 1.

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**CENTRAL Azucarera Detarlac** reported that the CAT Labor Union has filed a Notice of Strike before the National Conciliation and Mediation Board of the Department of Labor and Employment.

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VICTOR Ziga resigned from his post as director of the **Philippine National Construction Corp.** on Oct. 26.

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**ZEUS Holdings Inc.** will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Dec. 14 pm at 21/F Lepanto Building, 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City at 3:30 p.m.

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**PRIME Orion Philippines Inc.** will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Dec. 14 at 21/F BA-Lepanto Building, 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City at 2 p.m. ***Compiled by D.J. Yap, PDI Research***

## CURRENCIES

| October 28, 2004<br>Country | Unit | Euro Equivalent | Dollar Equivalent | Peso Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | Dollar | 0.786411 | 1.000000 | 56.3900 |
| Japan | Yen | 0.007391 | 0.009398 | 0.5300 |
| United Kingdom | Pound | 1.437952 | 1.828500 | 103.1091 |
| Hongkong | Dollar | 0.101121 | 0.128586 | 7.2510 |
| Switzerland | Franc | 0.651812 | 0.828844 | 46.7385 |
| Canada | Dollar | 0.642020 | 0.816393 | 46.0364 |
| Singapore | Dollar | 0.473029 | 0.601504 | 33.9188 |
| Australia | Dollar | 0.586523 | 0.745823 | 42.0570 |
| Bahrain | Dinar* | 2.086025 | 2.652590 | 149.5796 |
| Saudi Arabia | Rial | 0.209710 | 0.266667 | 15.0374 |
| Brunei | Dollar | 0.471611 | 0.599700 | 33.8171 |
| Indonesia | Rupiah | 0.000087 | 0.000110 | 0.0062 |
| Thailand | Baht | 0.019153 | 0.024355 | 1.3734 |
| UAE | Dirham | 0.214118 | 0.272272 | 15.3534 |
| Euro | Euro | 1.000000 | 1.271600 | 71.7055 |
| Argentina | Peso | 0.264562 | 0.336417 | 18.9706 |
| Brazil | REAL | 0.274873 | 0.349528 | 19.7099 |
| Denmark | Kroner | 0.134549 | 0.171092 | 9.6479 |
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The P910i tops every wish list this season. This push email-ready, combination PDA and still and video camera phone with a whopping 262K color screen is every mobile professional's dream. Rounding up the Fab 4 is the S700i, which takes mobile imaging to the next level, with its 1.3-megapixel CCD digital camera and a 2.3-inch 262K TFT color screen to display digital quality images.

THE SONY Ericsson P910i

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In addition, every purchase of any new Sony Ericsson handset from the Sony Ericsson Concept Shop in Digital Exchange within the promo period also entitles one to free four 2R prints of any of their images taken using a Sony Ericsson camera phone. This will be printed via Fujifilm's latest digital imaging lab in Digital Exchange.

Also within the promo period, consumers who come into the Sony Ericsson Concept Shop with four of the 12 tracks/polytones from Globe Hub's featured artist, the Queer Eye For The Straight Guy soundtrack, downloaded on their Sony Ericsson phones get a special premium item.

# Ateneo raises social consciousness in new program

IN A daunting effort to raise social consciousness and movement against poverty, the Ateneo Graduate School of Business (AGSB) gathered almost 1,500 faculty and students in a simultaneous two-day event to kick off the AGSB Mulat-Diwa Program. Mulat-Diwa is the latest program in the Ateneo's efforts to form a new generation of business leaders attuned to social ills and determined to help overcome them.

Faculty and students in the Rockwell campus and in extension sites in Sta. Rosa, Laguna and in Subic and Cebu participated through audio and video hook-ups.

The program aimed to create a mindset that would help the participants realize their role and help contribute to nation-building. To start the event, an episode of GMA 7's Imbestigador was aired titled "Pobreng Pinoy," which took a searing look at how the poor survived. From professional blood donors to cases of "body mining," where body parts are sold for money; the documentary drew collective reactions of shock and depression.

This was followed by a presentation on economics, politics and poverty by Fr. Jose M. Magadia SJ, executive director of the Center for Social Policy/Public Affairs of ADMU. Dr. Michael L. Tan, chair of the Department of Anthropology of the University of the Philippines, then spoke on Mulat-Diwa: Business, Culture and Nation-Building.

Their presentations helped facilitate small group discussions where majority of the students responded by sharing their own commitments in efforts against poverty. About 90 percent of the students are working professionally and the activity had drawn reactions from even the foreign students. Being an action-oriented student body, a call was raised for a common involvement to address the issue.

AGSB is currently evaluating future activities in response that would ultimately be integrated into the curriculum. Meantime, faculty and staff are involved in projects like Gawad Kalinga, which helped build 60 houses for the poor and integrated livelihood training for beneficiaries. AGSB has also helped train faculty of smaller business schools to help raise the standards of graduate business education for the next generation of business people.

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# Buclizine with iron for iron-deficiency anemia

IRON deficiency anemia or IDA, which happens when iron intake cannot match iron loss, is the most frequent cause of nutritional anemia in the Philippines. It is characterized by a low level of hemoglobin (a molecule in the red blood cells carrying oxygen to all the cells of the body).

A study of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) of the Department of Science and Technology showed that over 24 million Filipinos suffer from IDA. Blood loss, lack of iron in the diet, increased iron need (pregnant and breastfeeding women) and sudden growth are some of the causes of IDA. Aging process can also contribute to the insufficiency of iron in the body.

Symptoms of one with IDA include dizziness, fainting, exhaustion, rapid heartbeat, chest pain and easy fatigability.

Iron supplements play a vital role in a battle against iron deficiency. Experts advise that an intake of 15 to 18mg/day is enough to meet the daily requirement to prevent IDA. Iron plays an essential role in respiration and is considered as the "backbone of the energy producing process." It also helps in the production of collagen and elastin (necessary for integrity of connective tissue) to maintain the immune system, protect against oxidant damage, produce and regulate brain neurotransmitters.

Buclizine with iron (available as Propan with Iron) is also rich in vitamin B-complex. Thiamine (Vitamin B1) plays a significant role in carbohydrate metabolism. It helps to maintain appetite, normal intestinal function and the health of cardiovascular and nervous system. Niacin functions as preventive of pellagra (skin affection characterized by redness, scaling and shedding with gastrointestinal disturbance). Niacin insufficiency causes skin disease, diarrhea, dementia (mental disorder caused by brain malfunction) and death.

In addition, vitamin B6 group (pyridoxine, pyridoxal and pyridoximine) combines with phosphorous for fatty acid, glucose and amino acid metabolism. Vitamin B6 deficiency can cause central nervous system disturbances. While vitamin B12 and closely related cobalamins function as protein synthesizer. Inadequacy of vitamin B12 causes nervous system degeneration, ammenorhea (irregular menstrual cycle) and pernicious anemia.

Buclizine with vitamin B complex and iron is one of the most frequently prescribed medications for IDA. It has been shown to help blood oxygenation and as a proven appetite builder for more than 30 years, it also enhances the appetite of elderly individuals and anorexic, convalescent patients with pulmonary tuberculosis.

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For more information on the benefits of buclizine, call the propan hotline at 426-5639 or e-mail multiline@pascuallab.com from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

# McDonald's Bahay Bulilit rises near Naia

THE CHARITY arm of fast food giant McDonald's turned over recently to the city government of Pasay its newest Bahay Bulilit, a daycare center that seeks to help in the education of children in the country.

At a simple yet fun event, officials of the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia), who partnered for the project, turned over to Pasay Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad the newly constructed Bahay Bulilit in Barangay 195, a community adjacent to the Naia terminal 1.

The new Bahay Bulilit was built by RMHC on a land owned by Naia. Its day-to-day operations will now be shouldered by the city government.

George T. Yang, president of McDonald's Philipines, praised Naia, particularly outgoing general manager Edgardo Manda, for his willingness to lend a hand to the Bahay Bulilit project.

"This project was made possible through the generosity of Naia and GM Manda," he said. Manda, who was appointed by President Arroyo to a new post, was not able to attend the event. His deputy, lawyer Oscar Paras Jr, expressed delight at having been able to assist a private company such as McDonald's in exercising its corporate responsibility.

Undersecretary Celia Yangco and Director Alicia Bala of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a partner of RMHC in other Bahay Bulilit projects, were also present during the Bahay Bulilit opening.

RMHC started building the yellow-and-red Bahay Bulilit daycare centers in 2001 as a response to the government's call for help in educating Filipino children. Through a partnership with DSWD, which provided the land, RMHC put up the Bahay Bulilit along C-5 road in Makati, then moved on to build a second one in Nueve de Pebrero street in Mandaluyong the following year. Last year, it opened the third Bahay Bulilit inside the DSWD's Reception and Study Center in Quezon City.

The three Bahay Bulilit centers now serve more than 500 children.

Yang said RMHC would be building more Bahay Bulilit centers in the coming months. "Work is now starting in the city of Manila and we are now looking for sites in the provinces," he said.

RMHC is a worldwide organization that does projects for children. It gets funding from the annual McDonald's charity golf tournament as well as from customers who buy McDonald's Happy Meals.

## Bits & Clips

### 'Raves & Ripples' Halloween party

A THUNDEROUS "Raves & Ripples Clubbin' Party" is coming your way on Oct 29, Friday, at Scenario Theme Restobar and Coffee Lounge in Malolos City, Bulacan. Brace yourself for a sensory bliss overload as the potent combination of music myx, gimmicks and beautiful party people blow your mind. Ride on "Raves and Ripples." Tickets are available at the venue, on a first come, first serve basis. For inquiries, call 413-6436 or (044) 79-5880.

### Halloween treats

ENJOY the Halloween spirit at Edsa Shangri-La, Manila with e's "Spooktacular Party" and Garden Café's Family Fun Sunday. On Oct. 29 and 30, e's throws a heart-pounding, spine-tingling party with Manila's hottest bands. Come in your spookiest Halloween costume and get a chance to win a gift certificate for an overnight stay in a Superior room or a delicious meal at the garden café. On Oct. 31, treat the whole family to a thrilling Halloween at Garden Café's Family Fun Sunday. Enjoy an extensive lunch and dinner buffet of Asian-Continental specialties while your kids have fun with activities such as balloon twisting, face painting, kiddie salon, magic show and an art corner. For more inquiries, call 634-7373 or 633-8888 locals 2738 or 2739.

### Nurses sent abroad

US-BASED Global Healthcare Network Inc is now in Manila to provide job placements and immigration assistance to registered and qualified Filipino nurses bound for the United States. The company, based in Florida, Massachusetts, and California, is geared towards addressing the huge demand for nurses and other medical professionals in the States, with its recruitment partner Alphabeshi International Services Inc at Room 208, L&S Building, Ermita, Manila, with numbers 526-6504 or 526-5928. Global Healthcare Network Inc also joins the 82nd Foundation Anniversary celebration of the Philippine Nurses Association, along with its 47th Nurses Week Celebration and National Annual Convention ongoing at the Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel until Oct. 29. Call Global Healthcare Network Inc at 526-6790 for more information.

### Dencio's at Brittany Bay

DENCIO'S Bar & Grill begins serving the most famous and scrumptious of Filipino cuisine starting Oct. 29 to the exclusive community of neighborhoods at Brittany Bay, the flagship project of real estate maverick Brittany Corp. Dencio's concocts luscious local fare suited for every Filipino's hearty appetite and particular palate. Brittany Bay nestles high-end, ingeniously structured, San Francisco-inspired communities. Strategically located along South Luzon Expressway, these communities of Neo-Victorian influences offer an unparalleled vista of Laguna de Bay. Intensifying the lure of the recently opened Figaro Coffee Company is the upcoming Dencio's Bar & Grill.

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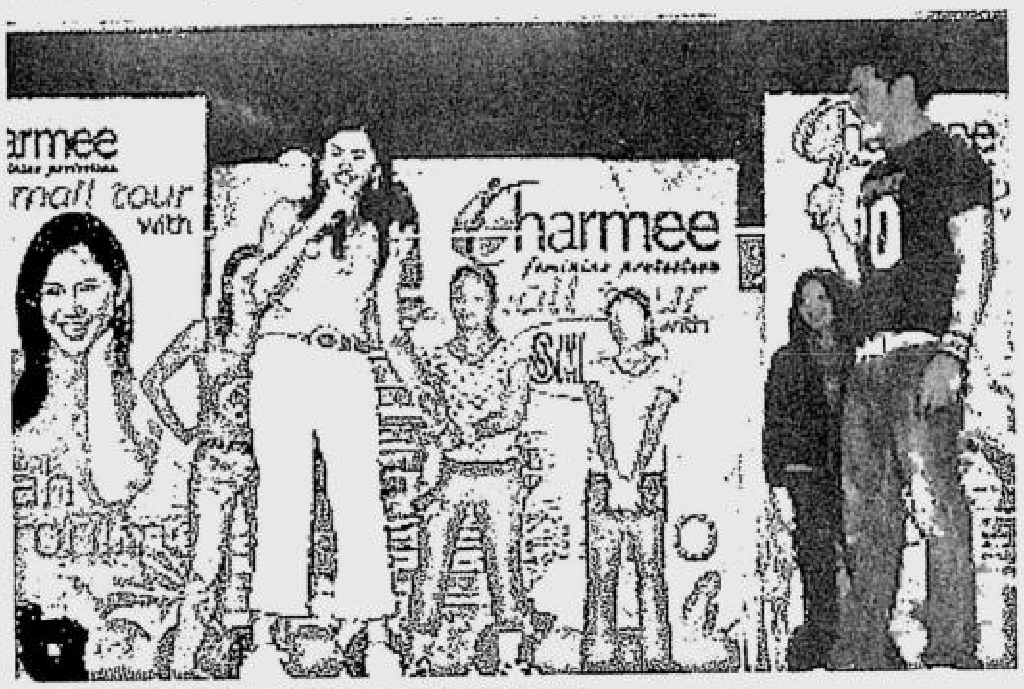
Monark Constructors Corp (MCC), a leading contractor in quarrying and heavy equipment rental, has gained another first in the history of contracting services when it earned international recognition for its Quality Management System in a recently concluded audit by Certification International Philippines Inc. This means the organization has excellently complied with world-class standards. The formal awarding of the ISO 9001:2000 certificate was held at the Lake Villa Resort, Binangonan, Rizal attended by (from left) MCC president Luis T. Banzon, Renato Y. Navarrete, CIP managing director, Lyn C. Espiritu, QMR, Trecero G. Reyes, FRCC quarry project manager, and Alejandro C. Sebastian, operations manager. MCC is the first contractor to bag the international seal of quality management in this field.

**SUCCESSFUL GOVERNOR'S CUP**
The 3rd leg of the Governor's Cup was successfully held Sep. 17 with 115 golfers in attendance at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club. Shown, from left, were Mandy Reyes, president of RC Makati Southwest, Romy de Guzman, Baby Bunye, president, RC Muntinlupa, Harry Dacumos, president, RC Makati Bel-Air, Gerry Jaspio and Rupert Bayucot.



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P3.990M up 8903461 loc. 34

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## REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

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## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT

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| ITB No. | Item / Description | Approved Budget | Source of Funds |
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Interested suppliers are requested to attend the Pre-Bid Conference scheduled on November 5, 2004, 10:00 AM at the 25th Floor, Conference Room, LANDBANK Plaza, Malate, Manila.

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COMMITTEE ON BIDS AND AWARDS

(PDI – October 23 & 29, 2004)

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of the late MERCEDES S. OBEN was Extrajudicially settled among her heirs as per Doc. #226 Page #46 Book #14 Series of 1995 by Notary Public Eduardo C. Tagle of San Juan Metro Manila
(PDI-Oct. 22,29,Nov. 5, 2004)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given that the estate of the late MARCELINO ADARME was extrajudicially settled among his heirs before Notary Public Atty. Daniel Rafael Penuela of Bacolod City, per Doc. No. 346, Page No. 70, Book VI, Series of 2004.
(PDI-Oct. 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 2004)

Notice is Given that the Estate of the Late Lucio Madlangbayan was Extrajudicially Settled by his heirs Per Doc.# 443, Page#90, Book# II Series of 2004. Before Notary Public Celso C. Miquibas,Jr. of Laguna
(PDI-Oct.22-29 Nov. 5 ,2004)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the NATIVIDAD T. MATA has been extrajudicially settled among heirs under Doc. No. 433, Page No. 88, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2004 of Notary Public Atty Ricardo C. Neri of the City of Manila.
(PDI-Oct 29,Nov 5& 12,2004)

### NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is given that the Stock Cert. of San Miguel Corp. "A" Share w/ Cert. #74005750 in the name of German B. Memelo was lost. If no contest received new cert. will be issued (PDI-Oct.29,Nov.5,12,2004)

**NOTICE OF LOSS**
Notice is hereby given that BOI Original Certificate of Registration No. VII EP 2001-006 under the name of CEBU NEW CENTURY ACCESSORIES, INC. was lost.

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## OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER

# 2ND & FINAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTIES

**TO : ALL LAS PIÑAS TAXPAYERS**

Pursuant to Section 260 & 263 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the undersigned City Treasurer of Las Piñas hereby gives notice to all interested parties and to the general public that on **November 16, 2004** at the Session Hall of Las Piñas City, the City Treasurer or his duly authorized representative **will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine currency**, the hereunder enumerated real property/ies which are hereby certified as delinquent to satisfy tax delinquency, interest and expense of sale.

BARANGAY : MANUYO UNO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Alvarez, Vicente | E-001-01508 | B-RESI | 198 00 | 237 600 00 | 1994 TO 2004 | 52,272 00 | 33,810 48 | | | 86,082 48 |
| 2 | Cruz, Manuel | E-001-01453 | B-RESI | 85 00 | 229 500 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 52,134 96 | 36,271 76 | | | 88,406 72 |
| 3 | Manila, Eulogia | E-001-01616 | B-COMM | 84 00 | 124,660 00 | 1984 TO 2004 | 47,931 76 | 57,063 25 | | | 104,995 01 |

BARANGAY : DANIEL FAJARDO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Aguilar, Concepcion | E-002-00717 | B-COMM | 120 00 | 90,000 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 30,690 00 | 32,719 95 | | | 63,409 95 |
| 2 | Aguilar, Concepcion | E-002-00717 | B-RESI | 80 00 | 140 000 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 49,412 00 | 72,283 76 | | | 121,695 76 |
| 3 | Arevalo, Anacleto | E-002-00723 | B-RESI | 144 00 | 169 200 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 66,708 00 | 107,025 48 | | | 173,733 48 |
| 4 | Bracewell, James | E-002-00658 | B-RESI | 259 00 | 408 700.00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 81,742 40 | 52,274 02 | | | 134,016 42 |
| 5 | Miranda, Candido | E-002-00678 | B-RESI | 136 00 | 171 000 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 57,934 80 | 81,485 58 | | | 139,420 38 |
| 6 | Santos, Felicitas & Jose Santos | E-002-00768 | B-RESI | 162 00 | 228 420 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 83,057 76 | 124 795 48 | | | 207,853 24 |
| 7 | Susan, Generoso S. Sr. | E-002-00772 | B-RESI | 208 00 | 293 280 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 70,006 84 | 55,237 90 | | | 125,244 74 |
| | & Rosa C. | E-002-00772 | B-COMM | 104 00 | 216,320 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 80,667 69 | 67,459 78 | | | 148,127.47 |

BARANGAY : ILAYA

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Antonio, Felicitas | E-003-00826 | B-RESI | 106 80 | 221,710 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 101,526 00 | 179,949 82 | | | 281 475 82 |

BARANGAY : PULANGLUPA UNO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Alvarez, Anastacia S. | E-005-01760 | L-AGRI | 5,000 00 | 400 000 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 58 240 00 | 43,694 49 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 105 219 49 |
| 2 | AREF METAL WORKS INC. | E-005-03787 | B-INDU | 505 00 | 909 000 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 159 075 00 | 96 240 37 | | | 255 315 37 |
| 3 | AREF METAL WORKS INC. | E-005-02641 | L-RESI | 823 00 | 246 900 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 20,410 40 | 10,766 50 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 34,461 90 |
| 4 | Cilra, Rebecca | E-005-03594 | B-RESI | 92.25 | 249 060 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 44,834 40 | 28,270 64 | | | 73,105 04 |

BARANGAY : ZAPOTE

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Canaynay, Maximo | E-006-01256 | B-RESI | 49 00 | 254 800 00 | 1981 TO 2004 | 60 834 80 | 45,918 56 | | | 106 753.36 |
| 2 | KAPISANGANG CULASI INC. | E-006-01504 | L-RESI | 2,329 00 | 232 000 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 46 436 00 | 29 684 58 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 79 405 58 |
| 3 | San Jose, Virgilio | E-006-01376 | B-RESI | 180 00 | 180 000 00 | 1982 TO 2004 | 81,720 00 | 117,014.40 | | | 198,734 40 |

BARANGAY : MANUYO DOS

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-007-00264 | L-RESI | 6,117 00 | 1,590 420 00 | 1986 TO 2004 | 270,616 40 | 297 167 34 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 571 068 74 |
| 2 | HOME INSURANCE & GUARANTEE CORP. | E-007-03348 | L-RESI | 1,409 00 | 366 340 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 42,270 00 | 24 603 92 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 70,158 92 |
| 3 | Rodriguez, Angeles ET AL | E-00[illegible]5 | L-RESI | 13,014 00 | 2 602 500 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 156 168 00 | 71 056 44 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 230 509 44 |

BARANGAY : PULANGLUPA DOS

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Aglipay, Cesarito | E-008-06771 | L-RESI | 204 00 | 61,200 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 6,364 80 | 3,608 78 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 11,889 83 |
| 2 | Changyongco, Danilo | E-008-08083 | B-RESI | 161 49 | 410 730 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 49 287 84 | 28,874 38 | | | 78,162 22 |
| 3 | Changyongco, Danilo G. | E-008-08054 | L-RESI | 201 00 | 60 300.00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 4 984 80 | 2,629 46 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 9,530 51 |
| 4 | Heirs of Andres Aldana | E-008-07930 | L-RESI | 6 131 00 | 1,594 060 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 317 586 16 | 411 266 22 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 732,077 38 |
| 5 | Sabella, Maria Nita | E-008-29336 | B-RESI | 235 80 | 505 540 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 50 554 00 | 28,259 68 | | | 78 813 68 |
| 6 | Sabella, Maria Nita | E-008-29353 | L-RESI | 258 00 | 62 400 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 4 452 80 | 2,241 84 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 8,650 89 |
| 7 | Solidum, Chiquita & Placer | E-008-02848 | B-RESI | 61 00 | 151 000 00 | 1992 TO 2004 | 36,225 80 | 23,693 96 | | | 59,903 76 |

BARANGAY : PAMPLONA UNO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Concepcion, Doroteo | E-009-01699 | B-COMM | 97 50 | 1,075 000 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 215,100 16 | 133 227 57 | | | 348 327 73 |
| 2 | Concepcion, Doroteo | E-009-01697 | L-COMM | 81 00 | 202 500 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 22,275 04 | 12,023 43 | 750 00 | 618 75 | 35,667 22 |
| 3 | Corpuz, Rosendo | E-009-01812 | B-RESI | 106 00 | 169,750 00 | 1988 TO 2004 | 51 694 08 | 62,991 90 | | | 114,685 98 |
| 4 | Gudawen, Vicente & Dolores Miranada (SPS) | E-009-01707 | L-COMM | 405 00 | 1,012,500 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 181,846 12 | 165 955 37 | 1,500 00 | 1,237 50 | 350 538 99 |
| 5 | Javier, Emiliano | E-009-01756 | L-AGRI | 4 976 00 | 398 080 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 58 436 80 | 43 596 82 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 105 318 62 |
| 6 | Menancio, Cecilio B. & Remedios C. | E-009-03693 | B-RESI | 221 23 | 464 580 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 55 749 60 | 32,660 00 | | | 88 409 60 |

BARANGAY : PAMPLONA DOS

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Del Rosario, Priscilla G. | E-010-00050 | L-COMM | 350 00 | 875 000 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 87 500 00 | 46,200 00 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 135 890 00 |
| 2 | Philamlife Vill. Homeowner's Assoc. (Swimming Pool) | E-010-02100 | B-COMM | 312 50 | 500 000 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 160 000 00 | 124,787 50 | | | 284 787 50 |

BARANGAY : PAMPLONA TRES

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Ang, Antonio Chua & Tan, Ma Nenita | E-011-04616 | B-RESI | 96 00 | 264 060 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 38,288 70 | 23 316 48 | | | 61,605 18 |
| 2 | Beroncal, Conrado | E-011-11000 | B-COMM | 80 00 | 154 000 00 | 1994 TO 2004 | 42 350 00 | 27,392 75 | | | 69 742 75 |
| 3 | HART REALTY & DEV. CORP. sold | E-011-06622 | B-COMM | 90 73 | 134 120 00 | 1990 TO 2004 | 41 865 08 | 34 269 05 | | | 76,134 13 |
| | to EMELYN'S DRUGSTORE | E-011-06622 | B-RESI | 47 90 | 179 760 00 | 1990 TO 2004 | 44 528 00 | 35 989 68 | | | 80,517 68 |
| 4 | Matabi, Jose A. | E-011-03050 | B-RESI | 78 00 | 162 450 00 | 1988 TO 2004 | 51 333 68 | 65,324 56 | | | 116 658 24 |
| 5 | Shalamon, Imelda B. | E-011-09654 | B-RESI | 161.25 | 387 500 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 38,750 00 | 21,855 00 | | | 60 605 00 |
| 6 | Sy, Imelda | E-011-07897 | B-RESI | 148 00 | 660,450 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 118 881 36 | 74,961 10 | | | 193 842 46 |
| 7 | Tambuli, Delfina A. & Santiago T. | E-011-07285 | L-RESI | 1,500 00 | 390 000 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 45 000 00 | 26,193 00 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 74,478 00 |
| 8 | Tecson, Emelina H. | E-011-00060 | B-RESI | 98 00 | 164 630 00 | 1981 TO 2004 | 63,758 56 | 80 038 72 | | | 143 797 28 |

BARANGAY : B.F. INT'L.

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Aguirre, Tomas (sold to Libot, Evelyn) | E-012-02078 | L-RESI | 360 00 | 118 800 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 14 889 60 | 8,829 98 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 25,909 58 |
| 2 | BAGUMBAYAN REALTY CORP. | E-012-06452 | B-COMM | 1,000 00 | 2,100 000 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 183,750 00 | 91,350 00 | | | 275 100 00 |
| 3 | BAGUMBAYAN CORP. COMMUNITY DEV. & H. | E-012-00675 | B-RESI | 137 00 | 154,640 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 51,096 40 | 55,050 40 | | | 106,146 80 |
| 4 | BAGUMBAYAN CORP. | E-012-02506 | L-RESI | 270 00 | 81,000 00 | 2003 TO 2004 | 3,240 00 | 1,061 10 | 700 00 | 472 50 | 5,473 60 |
| 3 | BANCO FILIPINO SAVINGS & MORTGAG BANK | E-012-04260 | B-RESI | 190 00 | 568 050 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 56,805 20 | 31,754 02 | | | 88,559 22 |
| 5 | BANCO FILIPINO SAVINGS & MORTGAG BANK | E-012-04963 | B-RESI | 140 00 | 226 470 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 40,764 96 | 25,704 32 | | | 66,469 28 |
| 6 | B.F. HOMES INC. (Road Lot) | E-012-00903 | L-ROAD | 56 313 00 | 1,689,390 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 340 245 44 | 438 943 94 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 782,474 38 |
| 7 | B.F. HOMES INC. (Swm. Pool) | E-012-02510 | B-COMM | 1,001 13 | 3 332,670 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 333,267 09 | 172,882 21 | | | 506 149 30 |
| 8 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-012-01776 | L-RESI | 1,500 00 | 1,707,900 00 | 1990 TO 2004 | 234 945 76 | 145 642 20 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 383 872 96 |
| 9 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-012-01901 | L-RESI | 5,874 00 | 1,762 200 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 350 660 00 | 456,793 66 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 810,738 66 |
| 10 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-012-02511 | B-COMM | 483 00 | 1,975 650 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 197 568 00 | 102,488 40 | | | 300 056 40 |
| 11 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-012-01729 | L-RESI | 999 00 | 3,036 902 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 68,365 20 | 80,614 96 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 152,265 16 |
| 12 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to COCOFED | E-012-05154 | L-RESI | 1,556 00 | 466 500 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 64,423 92 | 39,817 40 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 107 526 32 |
| 13 | B.F. HOMES INC. (Sold to Rosalinda Manas) | E-012-02242 | B-RESI | 98 60 | 235,000 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 63,070 72 | 51,557.78 | | | 114,628 50 |
| 14 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to HOME INS. & GUARANTEE CORP. | E-012-03329 | B-RESI | 138.44 | 248,320 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 44,697 60 | 28 184 26 | | | 72,881 86 |
| 15 | Dimaporo, Naga | E-012-00226 | B-RESI | 152 20 | 160,090 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 64,478 40 | 81,667 16 | | | 146,145 56 |
| 16 | Garzon, Priscilla | E-012-03807 | B-RESI | 177.72 | 259 960 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 45,172 80 | 28 483 94 | | | 73,656 74 |
| 17 | Galido, Alejandro & Consolacion | E-012-01333 | B-RESI | 165 00 | 235 200 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 37,632 00 | 23,308 32 | | | 60,940 32 |
| 18 | HOME INS. & GUAR. CORP | E-012-03507 | L-RESI | 4,375 00 | 1,312,500 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 164 500 00 | 97,553 74 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 265 338 74 |
| 19 | Ingente, Eliezer & Sylvia P. | E-012-03623 | B-RESI | 284 82 | 556,120 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 111,224 00 | 71,127 68 | | | 182,351 68 |
| 20 | Jardeleza, Nilda P. | E-012-04876 | B-RESI | 180 00 | 272,400 00 | 1988 TO 2004 | 91,788 00 | 124 996 92 | | | 216 784 92 |
| 21 | JOMARIA'S INT'L. CORP. | E-012-07036 | B-RESI | 187 38 | 234,140 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 46,828 00 | 29,946 52 | | | 76,774.52 |
| 22 | Libot, Evelyn M. | E-012-04468 | B-RESI | 144 30 | 242,480 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 43,646 40 | 27,521 54 | | | 71,167 94 |
| 23 | Madrazo, Melba | E-012-03083 | B-RESI | 140 00 | 175 000 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 35,000 00 | 22 382 00 | | | 57,382 00 |
| 24 | PHIL. WATERWORKS & CONST. CORP., (Water Tank) | E-012-02770 | B-COMM | | 2,800 000 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 1,540 000 00 | 2,304 050 00 | | | 3,844 050 00 |

BARANGAY : TALON UNO

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | 318 INTERIOR FURN INC. | E-013-03*44 | B-COMM | 250 00 | 240 540 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 39 087 88 | 23 302 31 | | | 62 390 19 |
| 2 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-013-00255 | L-AGRI | 23,547 00 | 1,883 760 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 276,535 44 | 206,314 26 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 486 134 70 |
| 3 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-013-00256 | L-AGRI | 31,336 00 | 2,506 880 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 368 033 32 | 274 567 82 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 645 886 14 |
| 4 | Chan, Fernando | E-013-03818 | B-COMM | 68 00 | 119 440 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 47,776 00 | 57,614 87 | | | 105 390 87 |
| 5 | CRISMARCEL INVESTMENT CORP. | E-013-02067 | B-RESI | 490 96 | 687 340 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 137,458 00 | 87 910 80 | | | 225 378 80 |
| 6 | Cruz, Emiliano | E-013-00379 | L-RESI | 232 00 | 23,200 00 | 1982 TO 2004 | 3,441 76 | 3,084 03 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 8,442 04 |
| 7 | Dela Cruz, Exequiel | E-013-00381 | L-AGRI | 8,969 00 | 717,520 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 105,332 56 | 78 585 10 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 187 202 66 |
| 8 | Del Rosario, Priscilla G. | E-013-06875 | L-COMM | 1,000 00 | 2,500 000 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 250 000 00 | 130,437 58 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 383 722 58 |
| 9 | De Ramos, Feliciana | E-013-00383 | L-AGRI | 5,339 00 | 427 120 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 62,702 52 | 46,781 34 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 112 768 86 |
| 10 | LANDHOLDINGS RES. CORP. | E-013-02586 | L-RESI | 7,733 00 | 1,237 280 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 136,100 80 | 78 319 86 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 217,705 66 |
| 11 | Lisaca, Isagani Q. | E-013-03568 | B-COMM | 430 50 | 1,657 430 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 165,743 04 | 85 979 19 | | | 251 722 23 |
| 12 | Ocampo, Consolacion | E-013-03449 | L-COMM | 362 00 | 965 000 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 136 066 84 | 91,250 71 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 229 507 55 |
| 13 | THE PHIL. AMERICAN LIFE INC. | E-013-00784 | L-AGRI | 21,790 00 | 1,743 200 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 253,810 40 | 190 419 26 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 447 514 66 |

BARANGAY : TALON DOS

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Abenza, Jose S. | E-014-06225 | L-RESI | 1 462 00 | 438 600 00 | 2002 TO 2004 | 54,971 20 | 32 599 62 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 90,855 82 |
| 2 | Abenza, Jose S. | E-014-06224 | L-RESI | 1,463 00 | 438 900 00 | 2002 TO 2004 | 55 008 80 | 32,622 02 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 90 915 82 |
| 3 | B.F. CITILAND CORP. | E-014-15717 | B-RESI | 100 00 | 168 820 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 33,764 00 | 21 592 00 | | | 55 356 00 |
| 4 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to Francis Santamaria | E-014-08485 | B-RESI | 98.00 | 269 870 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 37,782 08 | 22,857 98 | | | 60 640 06 |
| 5 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-17095 | L-COMM | 332 00 | 249 000 00 | 1994 TO 2004 | 42,330 04 | 25 524 53 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 70 044 57 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-07339 | B-RESI | 98 00 | 257 990 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 36,118 88 | 21 851 78 | | | 57 970 66 |
| 7 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to Josefina Zafra | E-014-08341 | B-RESI | 85 00 | 243 300 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 43,794 00 | 27,614 54 | | | 71,408 54 |
| 8 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to R.G.V. DEV. CORP. | E-014-08025 | B-RESI | 87 00 | 229 030 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 60 481 44 | 48 674 80 | | | 109 156 24 |
| 9 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to R.G.V. DEV. CORP. | E-014-07311 | B-RESI | 87 00 | 229 030 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 42 370 92 | 26 819 48 | | | 69 190 40 |
| 10 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-06855 | L-RESI | 3,585 00 | 1,075 500 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 214,026 24 | 229 005 30 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 446 316 54 |
| 11 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-06315 | L-RESI | 43,709 00 | 1,311,270 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 20,328 32 | 22 390 74 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 46,004 06 |
| 12 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-02104 | L-RESI | 44 661 00 | 1,339 830 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 209 550 08 | 178,494 90 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 391 329 98 |
| 13 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-21359 | L-AGRI | 6,239 00 | 249 560 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 49,912 00 | 31 918 70 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 85,115.70 |
| 14 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-03765 | L-RESI | 2,027 00 | 608,100 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 97,904 80 | 86,902 84 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 188,092 54 |
| 15 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-06549 | L-RESI | 1,292 00 | 387 600 00 | 1988 TO 2004 | 53,876 64 | 34 933 22 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 92 094 86 |
| 16 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-06869 | L-RESI | 2,039 00 | 611,700 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 118 426 80 | 129,457 08 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 251,168 88 |
| 17 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-08697 | L-RESI | 3,750 00 | 1,125 000 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 205 650 56 | 235 168 62 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 444 104 58 |
| 18 | B.F. HOMES INC. - Italia Country Club (Clubhouse & Rest.) | E-014-12343 | B-COMM | 4,087 76 | 16,674 540 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 3,872 975 52 | 2,452 968 70 | | | 6,325 944 22 |
| 19 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to Ellen Competente | E-014-08338 | B-RESI | 85 23 | 243 300 00 | 1994 TO 2004 | 51 093 00 | 32 869 92 | | | 83,962 92 |
| 20 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-06822 | L-RESI | 2,424 00 | 727 200 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 140 786 41 | 153,897 92 | | | 294 684 33 |
| 21 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-014-03808 | L-RESI | 4,770 00 | 1,431,000 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 203 633 04 | 136,088 90 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 343 006 94 |
| 22 | B.F. HOMES INC. sold to HOME INS. & GUARANTEE CORP. | E-014-06066 | L-RESI | 19 035 00 | 571,050 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 111,583 52 | 121,097 18 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 235,965 70 |
| 23 | Ditona, Paul D. & Mary Jane Victoria | E-014-03998 | B-RESI | 146 00 | 232,200 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 82 124 80 | 124 124 62 | | | 206,249 42 |
| 24 | Ditona, Paul D. & Mary Jane Victoria | E-014-03997 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 72,000 00 | 1989 TO 2004 | 11,592 00 | 10 289 28 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 23,797 53 |
| 25 | Gumarang, Rosemar F. | E-014-11507 | L-RESI | 391 00 | 117,300 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 13,450 40 | 7,817 62 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 23 458 02 |
| 26 | Gumarang, Rosemar F. | E-014-11508 | B-RESI | 183 77 | 269 770 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 48 558 96 | 30,618 88 | | | 79,177 84 |
| 29 | Mariano, Nerissa G. | E-014-02685 | B-RESI | 138 00 | 230 180 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 36 828 80 | 22,810 88 | | | 59 639 68 |
| 30 | Ricacho, Norberto R. & | E-014-03406 | L-RESI | 530 00 | 159 000 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 18,232 00 | 10 596 82 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 32,113 82 |
| | Ma. Eva L. | E-014-03410 | B-RESI | 178 57 | 247 810 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 44 606 16 | 28 126 46 | | | 72,732 62 |
| 31 | Sawaki, Anna | E-014-12640 | B-RESI | 85 00 | 243 300 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 38 928 00 | 24,111 02 | | | 63,039 02 |
| 32 | Timbresa, Helen | E-014-11408 | L-RESI | 297 00 | 93,010 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 10,573 28 | 6 054 90 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 18 544 43 |
| 33 | Timbresa, Helen | E-014-11409 | B-RESI | 108 50 | 285 230 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 51,341 76 | 32 373 68 | | | 83,715.44 |

BARANGAY : TALON TRES

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | GARBAGE FEE | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Garay, Deogenes | E-015-01166 | B-COMM | 296 00 | 124 570 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 44 946 90 | 45 330 07 | | | 90 276 97 |

BARANGAY : TALON CUATRO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Consulta, Amado B. | E-016-00573 | B-RESI | 97 50 | 255 620 00 | 1990 TO 2004 | 70,149 20 | 65 368 88 | | | 135 518 08 |
| 2 | Hular, Dominador P. | E-016-02146 | L-RESI | 260 00 | 40 000 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 4,000 00 | 2,244 00 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 8,160 25 |
| | | E-016-02147 | B-RESI | 143 00 | 66 400 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 10 624 00 | 6 580 24 | | | 17 204 24 |
| 3 | Vatarao, Abelardo & Francisca C. | E-016-02909 | L-RESI | 2,605 00 | 521 000 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 93,612 80 | 90,132 50 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 187 030 30 |

BARANGAY : TALON CINCO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Cabente, Lourdes C & Restante P. | E-017-07663 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 48 000 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 3 840 00 | 2,001 60 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 7,757 85 |
| | | E-017-02153 | L-RESI | 282 00 | 73 320 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 6,091 20 | 3,218 76 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 11,226 21 |
| | | E-017-02154 | B-RESI | 61.54 | 73 650 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 8,862 24 | 5,191 68 | | | 14 053 92 |
| 2 | Divinagracia, Bienvenida Z. | E-017-03180 | B-RESI | 261 50 | 379 470 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 53,126 08 | 32,141 10 | | | 85,267 18 |
| 3 | Enero, Ranabibo O. | E-017-03185 | B-RESI | 52 20 | 62 640 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 7,516 80 | 4 403 60 | | | 11 920 40 |
| | | E-017-11309 | L-RESI | 182 00 | 52 050 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 4,324 64 | 2,265 22 | 900 00 | 742 56 | 8,252 42 |
| 4 | Francisco, Leonardo C. | E-017-02185 | B-RESI | 52 20 | 62 640 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 8 769 60 | 5 305 62 | | | 14 075 22 |

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| | | E-017-02164 | L-RESI | 180 00 | 46,800 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 4,392 00 | 2,417 40 | 900 00 | 742 50 | 8,451 90 |
| 5 | Go, Luningning Feliciano | E-017-00657 | L-RESI | 9,463 00 | 2,649,640 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 341,046 16 | 384,787.18 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 729,118 34 |
| 6 | Mirales, Inocencio G. III | E-017-07511 | B-COMM | 270 00 | 291,600 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 72 900 00 | 46,619 55 | | | 119,519 55 |
| 7 | MONNWALK DEV. & HOUSING CORP. sold to Divinagracia, Bienvenida | E-017-03179 | L-RESI | 204 00 | 53,040 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 4,917 60 | 2,739 70 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 9,603 55 |

BARANGAY : ALMANZA UNO

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | ATARA TRIANGLE COMM. CORP. | E-018-03552 | B-COMM | 347 00 | 1,231,260 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 115,430 70 | 58 330 95 | | | 173 761 65 |
| 2 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-018-01332 | L-AGRI | 7,315 00 | 585 200 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 85,907 36 | 64,092 36 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 153 284 72 |
| 3 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-018-01329 | L-AGRI | 21,608 00 | 1,728 640 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 251 689 60 | 188 830 34 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 443 804 94 |
| 4 | Castillo, Angel | E-018-02629 | L-RESI | 411 00 | 411,000 00 | 1994 TO 2004 | 57,129 12 | 44,305 94 | | | 101,435 06 |
| 5 | FRANCEL REALTY CORP. | E-018-06575 | L-RESI | 15 613 00 | 15,613,000 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 1,249 040 00 | 651 686 62 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 1,904,011 62 |
| 6 | Gaco, Rodolfo | E-018-01484 | L-AGRI | 177,051 00 | 14,164 080 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 2,062 288 80 | 1,547 224 94 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 3,612,798.74 |
| | | E-018-01485 | L-AGRI | 204 931 00 | 16,396,080 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 2,387 268 00 | 1,791 039 74 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 4,181,592 74 |
| | | E-018-01486 | L-AGRI | 184 405 00 | 14,752 400 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 3,475 665 20 | 2,564 496 32 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 6,043 446 52 |
| | | E-018-01487 | L-AGRI | 195,518 00 | 15,641 440 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 2,277,394 96 | 1,708,610 14 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 3,989 290 10 |
| | | E-018-01488 | L-AGRI | 193 824 00 | 15,505 920 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 2,257,663 28 | 1,693 807.18 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 3,954,755.38 |
| 7 | Gregorio, Ruperto & Yasay, Corazon | E-018-02636 | L-COMM | 1,372 00 | 3,430 000 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 308,700 00 | 154 264 25 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 466 249 25 |
| 8 | Gonzales, Gonzalo | E-018-05526 | B-COMM | 1,767 00 | 9,499 390 00 | 1993 TO 2004 | 1,662 393 36 | 1,005 747 88 | | | 2,668 141 24 |
| 9 | Manalo, Rolando | E-018-02607 | B-COMM | 81 00 | 142 100 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 64,876 40 | 97,855 81 | | | 162 732 21 |
| 10 | Mercado, Rufino | E-018-02816 | B-COMM | 150 00 | 254 400 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 87,648 75 | 57,907 80 | | | 145 556 55 |
| | | E-018-02816 | B-RESI | 150 00 | 159 000 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 66 303 00 | 45,076 50 | | | 111,379 50 |
| 11 | Salunga, Reynaldo | E-018-05487 | B-RESI | 190 75 | 490,740 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 49 074 00 | 27 232 36 | | | 76 306 36 |

BARANGAY : ALMANZA DOS

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Alegria, Melecio E. | E-019-01725 | B-RESI | 51 50 | 27,720 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 5,544 00 | 3,545 32 | | | 9,089 32 |
| | | E-019-01724 | L-RESI | 160 00 | 256 900 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 3,072 00 | 1,804 80 | 900 00 | 742 50 | 6,519 30 |
| 2 | B.F. HOMES INC. (Helen Lozano) | E-019-00546 | L-RESI | 231 00 | 60,060 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 13,617 36 | 14 561 82 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 30,095 43 |
| 3 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-019-01268 | L-RESI | 70 066 00 | 1,820 160 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 243 608 64 | 300 686 10 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 547 579 74 |
| 4 | B.F. HOMES INC. | E-019-01267 | L-RESI | 35 614 00 | 925 962 00 | 1979 TO 2004 | 188 820 64 | 190 413 94 | 1,800 00 | 1,485 00 | 382 519 58 |
| 5 | Gatmaitan, Alfredo T. | E-019-05495 | B-RESI | 224 42 | 668 030 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 53,442 56 | 27,723 28 | | | 81,165 84 |
| 6 | Gatmaitan, Alfredo T. | E-019-05206 | L-RESI | 293 00 | 83 800 00 | 3(2004)TO4(2004) | 1,676 00 | 326 82 | 350 00 | 183 75 | 2,536 57 |
| 7 | De Guzman, Leonardo & Catalina (SPS) | E-019-00054 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 62 400 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 5,856 00 | 3,223 20 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 10,995 45 |
| | | E-019-00055 | B-RESI | 59 50 | 23,800 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 3,332 00 | 2,015 66 | | | 5,347 66 |
| 8 | Enrique, Claro & Cabacungan, Patrocenia E. | E-019-04008 | L-RESI | 308 00 | 80 080 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 9,240 00 | 5,378 26 | 400 00 | 210 00 | 15,228 26 |
| | | E-019-04009 | B-RESI | 93 00 | 74 880 00 | 1996 TO 2004 | 13,478 40 | 8 498 94 | | | 21,977 34 |
| 9 | GLORIA RESIDENTS ASSOC. | E-019-03565 | L-RESI | 27,181 00 | 2,718 100 00 | 2000 TO 2004 | 187,005 52 | 91 447 39 | | | 278 452 91 |
| 10 | Ibrahim, Benua M. & Vilma F. Ibrahim | E-019-02893 | B-RESI | 115 00 | 137 690 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 15 146.12 | 8 688 26 | | | 23 834 38 |
| 11 | Latog, Napoleon L. & Divina T. | E-019-04747 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 52,800 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 4,416 00 | 2,339 04 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 8,671 29 |
| | | E-019-05055 | B-RESI | 100 00 | 179 360 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 21,525 60 | 12,610 00 | | | 34,135 60 |
| 12 | Ignacio, Teresa R. Enterprise | E-019-02677 | L-RESI | 1,354 00 | 297,880 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 42,623 92 | 27,224 60 | | | 69,848 52 |
| | | E-019-02677 | L-RESI | 1,354 00 | 297,880 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 42,623 92 | 27,224 60 | | | 69,848 52 |
| 13 | Nepomuceno, Nolasco G. & Divine Grace Nepomuceno | E-019-02408 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 52,800 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 6,720 00 | 3,997 92 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 12,634 17 |
| | | E-019-02409 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 52,800 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 6,720 00 | 3,997 92 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 12,634 17 |
| | | E-019-02410 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 52,800 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 6,720 00 | 3,997 92 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 12,634 17 |
| | | E-019-02411 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 52,800 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 6,720 00 | 3,997 92 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 12,634 17 |
| | | E-019-02412 | L-RESI | 270 00 | 59,400 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 7,560 00 | 4,497 66 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 13,973 91 |
| | | E-019-02413 | L-RESI | 270 00 | 59,400 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 7,560 00 | 4,497 66 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 13,973 91 |
| 14 | Rellosa, Jose & Leonida | E-019-01426 | B-RESI | 70 70 | 63 850 00 | 1991 TO 2004 | 16,040 72 | 12 260 34 | | | 28,301 06 |
| 15 | Reyes, Basilio O. & Alvira C. Reyes (SPS) | E-019-05979 | B-RESI | 363 00 | 917,000 00 | 2002 TO 2004 | 55,020 00 | 24,850 00 | | | 79,870 00 |
| 16 | Turla, Eduardo G. | E-019-02001 | L-RESI | 176 00 | 28 160 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 2,816 00 | 1,579 82 | 900 00 | 742 50 | 6,038 32 |
| | | E-019-04049 | B-RESI | 58 60 | 96,150 00 | 1997 TO 2004 | 15,384 32 | 9,528 48 | | | 24,912 80 |
| 17 | Uriarte, Jocelyn M. | E-019-00734 | L-RESI | 83 66 | 23,930 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 2,245 28 | 1,235 74 | 750 00 | 618 75 | 4,849 77 |
| | | E-019-04841 | B-RESI | 36 72 | 94,180 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 11,301 60 | 6,620 88 | | | 17,922 48 |

BARANGAY : PILAR

| | DECLARED OWNER | T.D. NO. | CLASS | AREA IN SQM | ASSESSED VALUE | PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY | TAX DUE | | GARBAGE FEE | | TOTAL DELINQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | BASIC/SEF | INTEREST | BASIC | INTEREST | |
| 1 | Bagulbagul, Fidel Jr. | E-020-04673 | B-RESI | 104 00 | 255 700 00 | 1993 TO 2004 | 60,775 44 | 39,641 54 | | | 100 416 98 |
| 2 | Balbuena, Virgilio P. & Ceferina D. | E-020-03966 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 72,000 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 5,952 00 | 3,139 68 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 11,007 93 |
| | | E-020-03967 | B-RESI | 74 64 | 60 460 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 7,255 20 | 4,250 32 | | | 11,505 52 |
| 3 | Barrera, Natalia & Ida | E-020-03607 | B-RESI | 57 00 | 93 620 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 11,234 40 | 6,581 44 | | | 17,815 84 |
| 4 | Corrales, Eduardo V. & Lepnie | E-020-06487 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 72 000 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 5 952 00 | 3,139 68 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 11,007 93 |
| 5 | Corrales, Eduardo V. | E-020-06291 | B-RESI | 76 43 | 179 540 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 21 544 80 | 12,621 66 | | | 34,166 46 |
| 6 | Escober, Baby Teresa S. | E-020-06078 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 72 000 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 6,720 00 | 3 692 64 | 1,050 00 | - 866 25 | 12 328 89 |
| | | E-020-06079 | B-RESI | 55 20 | 62 720 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 8,780 80 | 5,312 34 | | | 14 093 14 |
| 7 | Flores, Expedito | E-020-04569 | B-RESI | 142 12 | 152 650 00 | 1985 TO 2004 | 35 928 24 | 23 410 36 | | | 59,338 60 |
| 8 | Martinez, Sylvia | E-020-06431 | B-RESI | 252 00 | 576 300 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 46,104 00 | 23,916 44 | | | 70,020 44 |
| 9 | Mejia, Aristoteles T. Sr. & Leonila | E-020-02564 | L-RESI | 280 00 | 84,000 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 7,840 00 | 4,308 08 | 700 00 | 472 50 | 13,320 58 |
| | | E-020-02565 | B-RESI | 88 55 | 74,720 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 10,460 80 | 6 328 74 | | | 16,789 54 |
| 10 | Mijares, Elito S. & Milagros V. | E-020-00019 | B-RESI | 54 76 | 22,700 00 | 1993 TO 2004 | 5 448 00 | 3,557 08 | | | 9,005 08 |
| | | E-020-00018 | L-RESI | 325 00 | 98 700 00 | 1993 TO 2004 | 14,476 00 | 8,852 10 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 25 518 10 |
| 11 | Policarpio, Dominador J. Jr. | E-020-00369 | B-RESI | 88 00 | 29 570 00 | 1995 TO 2004 | 5,914 40 | 3,781 58 | | | 9 696 38 |
| | | E-020-00368 | L-RESI | 295 00 | 88 500 00 | 1998 TO 2004 | 8 260 00 | 4 538 86 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 14,715 11 |
| 12 | Ramos, Thelma A. | E-020-02702 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 72 000 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 4 416 00 | 2,033 76 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 8 366 01 |
| | | E-020-02703 | B-RESI | 90 00 | 135 250 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 10,820 16 | 5,612 90 | | | 16,433 06 |
| | | E-020-02706 | L-RESI | 240 00 | 72,000 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 4,416 00 | 2,033 76 | 1,050 00 | 866 25 | 8,366 01 |
| | | E-020-02707 | B-RESI | 58 97 | 25 060 00 | 2001 TO 2004 | 2,004 80 | 1,039 58 | | | 3,044 78 |
| 13 | Tabios, Rufino G. & Filomena C. | E-020-02391 | L-RESI | 344 00 | 113 520 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 9,384 00 | 4 550 00 | 1,200 00 | 990 00 | 16 124 00 |
| | | E-020-02392 | B-RESI | 143 60 | 161 500 00 | 1999 TO 2004 | 19 380 00 | 11,354 00 | | | 30,734 00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | GRAND TOTAL | | 34,334 844 80 | 26,868 814 25 | 129,900 00 | 106,650 06 | 61,440,109 11 |

Interested bidders may obtain copies of rules and regulations for public auction of real properties upon payment of non-refundable amount of three hundred pesos (P300.00) to cover the cost of printing.

The cost of sale equivalent to 10% shall be added to total amount indicated above.

**RIZAL Y. DEL ROSARIO**
City Treasurer

(PDI--Oct. 29, 2004)

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# *Industrial relations conference*

THE Philippine Industrial Relations Society Inc., (PIRS) will hold its National Conference (NC) on Industrial Relations on Nov. 11-12 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko. NC's theme is "Quality Partnerships Towards a Decent Workplace: Blending Homegrown with Global Practices and Strategies." Keynote speakers are DOLE Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas who will talk on the "Philippine Labor Updates and Policy Directions" and ILO-Manila Director Werner Blenk who will speak on "Promoting Fair Globalization and Decent Work: The Scorecard from the Viewpoint of ILO."

Sessions topics are: Sharing the Success of Employees' Council; Examining the State of Labor-Management Relations in the Philippines; Strategic Role of IR/HR in Transforming Enterprises into Globally Competitive Workplaces; Blending New Trends in IR/HR Through Alternative Disputes Settlement; Innovation in Collective Bargaining; From Adversarial to Quality Partnerships at the Workplace: Blending with Best Practices on Quality Partnerships at the Workplace; Learning from Best Practices in L-M Relations; Learning from Global Best Practices on Quality Partnerships at the Workplace; Learning from Best Practices in Productivity; Sharing the Successes of Filipino Enterprises; Homegrown Best Practices and Strategies for Global Competitiveness; Social Dialogue on Wage Fixing and Phil. IR, and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Invited speakers for the learning sessions come from the government, employer, academe and labor sectors. Interested parties may call the PIRS Secretariat: Dick – 948-3559; Ria – 890-4889; William – 962-0608 or email: pirs_natcon@yahoo.com

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## PORO POINT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

A Subsidiary of Bases Conversion Development Authority

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

CONSULTING SERVICES TO PROVIDE
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

The Poro Point Management Corporation (PPMC) invites interested consulting firms to submit Application for Eligibility, and subsequently to bid, if eligible, to provide Construction Management and Supervision for the construction of roads for the Poro Point Commercial Complex, Poro Point Special Economic and Freeport Zone, Poro, San Fernando City, La Union.

Interested Consulting Firms should have completed contracts similar to the above services.

The Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) of P2,237,960.00 shall come from PPMC corporate funds.

Eligibility Forms shall be made available to interested firms on the date and place mentioned below upon payment of a non-refundable amount of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00).

Schedule of Procurement Activities:

| Activity | Dates | Time | Place |
|---|---|---|---|
| Issuance of Eligibility Statement Form | November 5 & 8, 2004 | 8am to 5pm | PPMC Office, Pennsylvania Ave. San Fernando City, La Union |
| Deadline for Submission of Letter of Intent and Eligibility Statement | November 12, 2004 | 1:00pm | PPMC Office, Pennsylvania Ave., San Fernando City, La Union |
| Issuance of TOR and other Bid Documents | November 29, 2004 | 8am to 5pm | PPMC Office, Pennsylvania Ave., San Fernando City, La Union |
| Pre-Bid Conference and Site Inspection | December 3, 2004 | 2:00 pm | PPMC Office, Pennsylvania Ave., San Fernando City, La Union |
| Submission and Opening of Bids | December 20, 2004 | 9:00 am | PPMC Office, Pennsylvania Ave., San Fernando City, La Union |

Applications for Eligibility shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria, subject to a short listing by PPMC. Thus, only eligible and subsequently short listed firms shall be invited to participate in the bidding. All Bids shall be evaluated using quality-cost based evaluation/selection procedure as provided under R.A. 9184 and its IRR-A.

Should you need any further information or clarification required services, you may contact Engr. Jose B. Karganilla at Telephone No. (072) 888-5954

(Sgd.) ANTHONY C. MANGUIAT
Chairman, BAC

(PDI--Oct. 22 & 29, 2004)

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DAVAO CITY WATER DISTRICT
J.P. Laurel Avenue, Davao City
Tel. No. 082-2219400 • Tele Fax 082-2264885

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Davao City Water District (DCWD) hereby invites all interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid in accordance with the IRR of RA 9184, for the following:

| Item Package | Description | Approved Budget for the Contract |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Construction of 22,000 cu. meters capacity Reinforced Concrete Ground Reservoir No. 2 at Panorama, Davao City | P 73,115,146.83 |

Eligibility requirements per item package are available at DCWD BAC-B c/o Office of the General Manager starting (Oct. 22, 2004 during its business hours. Deadline for the submission of eligibility documents requirements will be on or beofre Nov. 12, 2004.

Bid documents may be released only to applicants with a Notice of Eligibility, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P3,000.00 starting Nov. 22, 2004.

Pre-bidding is set on Dec. 15, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. and the Opening of Bids on Dec. 28, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. respectively, at the DCWD Conference Room, DCWD J.P. Laurel Ave. Office.

DCWD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any formality/informality of the bids and to accept only such bids which are advantageous to the District.

Engr. EDWIN V. REGALADO
Chairman, Bid & Awards Committee-B (BAC-B)

(PDI - Oct 22 & 29, 2004)

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
**Overseas Workers Welfare Administration**

**TO : ALL ACCREDITED PDOS TRAINERS**

**Subject : Re-Orientation Course in PDOS Management**

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) will be conducting a series of Re-Orientation Course in Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) Management for all accredited PDOS Trainers on 29 October 2004 and 05, 19 and 26 November 2004. This is in line with the development program and finalization of list of accredited PDOS Trainers. Those who fail to comply will be deemed no longer interested and will be delisted from the registry of trainers.

All accredited trainers are advised to submit a letter of intent on or before 28 October 2004, addressed to The Director, Plans and Programs Office (PPO), OWWA Building, F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City.

For more details, please contact Mr. Ronald A. Mina or Mr. John A. Macalincag at 8917763 or 8917601 loc. 5620.

(Sgd.) **MARIANITO D. ROQUE**
Administrator

(PDI--Oct. 27, 28 & 29, 2004)

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**PAMBANSANG PANGASIWAAN SA PAGKAIN**
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

MATIMYAS BLDG., 101 E. RODRIGUEZ SR., AVE., QUEZON CITY,
TEL. NO.: (632) 712-3341 TO 54 FAX NO.: (632) 712-1110 E-Mail: www.nfa.gov.ph

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) invites authorized distributors/dealers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Supply and delivery of the following items for use at the NFA Central Office as follows:

| LOT | ITEMS | APPROVED BUDGET |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3 units camera with accessories | 490,500.00 |
| 2 | 1 set PABX Telephone System | 350,000.00 |
| 3 | 5 units Fingerprint ID Time Recorder | 375,000.00 |
| 4 | 1 set Paging System | 500,000.00 |
| 5 | 181 pieces tokens (plaque for 5-year service awardees) | 80,000.00 |

The schedule of bidding activities is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| October 29 to November 15, 2004 | Submission of Letter of Intent, Issuance of List of Eligibility Requirements including issuance of bid documents |
| November 18, 2004 (10:00 AM) | Pre-bidding Conference, 10th Flr., NFA |
| December 2, 2004 | Receipt and Opening of Bids, 10th Floor, NFA |
| (9:00-9:45 AM) | Submission of Eligibility requirements and bid proposals |
| (10:00 AM) | Opening of eligibility documents and bid proposals |

Eligibility criteria includes among others that the value of the prospective bidder's largest single contract within the last three (3) years, adjusted to current prices, completed within the period and similar to the contract to be bid, must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract to be bid.

Eligibility requirements may be secured from the Office of the BAC Secretariat, 5th Floor Tengsico Building, National Food Authority, 101 E. Rodriguez Sr., Avenue, Quezon City upon presentation of Letter of Intent specifying the equipment/item to be bidded. Bidding documents may likewise be secured from BAC Secretariat and the same shall be issued to prospective bidders upon payment of the following non-refundable fees:

- P 2,000.00 for those participating in the bidding for one, two, three or all of lots 1 to 4
  P 1,000.00 for those participating in the bidding for lot 5 only

Any eligible bidder can bid for one or all of the items.

For further inquiries, you may call Violy Villarama or Deo Dizon at tel. no. 712-0454 or tel. no. 712-3341 up to 49 locals 8520 or 8503.

NFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY REQUIRED FORMALITY IN THE BIDS RECEIVED, PROVIDED THAT SUCH WAIVER DOES NOT REFER TO A MAJOR DEVIATION IN A BID AND TO ACCEPT ONLY SUCH BIDS WHICH ARE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY.

(Sgd.) **PEDRO S. HERNANDO, JR.**
Deputy Administrator & BAC Chair

(PDI – Oct. 29 & Nov. 15, 2004)

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**Republic of the Philippines**
**Province of Batanes**
**Municipality of Uyugan**
**OFFICE OF THE BAC CHAIRMAN**
**Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP II)**

## INVITATION TO BID

October 29, 2004
World Bank/IBRD Ln No. 7152-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of ARCDPII and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the following contract located at Barangay Kayuganan, Municipality of Uyugan, Province of Batanes. The Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The Municipality of Uyugan, Province of Batanes and implementing partner of DAR for ARCDPII invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Construction of 0.620 km. Cabugao Farm to Market Road under Contract No. RIRC 04 043 01 UYU-B.**

**Project Duration** : 180 Calendar Days
**Bidding Documents** : PhP 4,000.00
**Minimum Bid Security** : PhP 58,500.00
**Bid Closing Date** : December 1, 2004 @ 2:00 PM

**DESCRIPTION OF WORKS**

| Item No. | Scope of Works | Quantity | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Clearing and Grubbing | 3,100.00 | sq.m. |
| 12 | Roadway & Drainage Excavation | 365.90 | cu.m. |
| 13 | Excavation for Structures | 233.00 | cu.m. |
| 14 | Embankment Using Roadway & Drainage Excavation | 620.60 | cu.m. |
| 15 | Sub-grade Preparation | 3,100.00 | sq.m. |
| 20 | Aggregate Sub-base Course | 279.00 | cu.m. |
| 31 | Portland Cement Conc. Pavement (fc = 3,500 psi) | 1,860.00 | sq.m. |
| SPL 1 | Rubble Conc. Retaining Wall (Class A) | 113.60 | cu.m. |
| SPL 2 | Storm Drainage Gutter Type | 1,100.00 | ln.m. |

**Minimum Equipments Required**

Road Grader (1 unit) - owned, Dump Truck (2 units) – owned, Portable Compactor (2 units) – owned; Water truck (1 unit) – owned; 1 Bagger Concrete Mixer (2 units) – owned, survey instruments – leased/owned

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by the interested bidders at the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Uyugan, Province of Batanes starting November 4, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP 4,000.00 for each set. Pre-bid conference will be held in the same address on November 17, 2004 at 2:00 P.M.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security deposit of PhP 58,500.00 in form, Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee on a free convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Uyugan, Province of Batanes, on or before the Bid closing date on December 1, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. at which time the Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders who wish to attend.

The LGU-BAC ARCDPII of Uyugan, Batanes reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of bid and to accept the lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) MARCIAL M. CABADDU, JR.
Chairman, LGU-BAC, ARCDPII

(PDI – October 29, 2004)

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**TransCo**
**National Transmission Corporation**

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

**PD Ref No. PB040909-AA0118 / PR No.: HRD-04-007689**

The **NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR CORPORATE TRANSCO,** wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

| Quantity | Item Description | PR No. | Approved Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| Per Item | Supply and Delivery of Various Medicines | HRD-04-007689 | PhP3,438,815.24 |

1. The Bid Documents will be available for issuance starting **October 2004, 2004 to November 18, 2004** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the BAC Secretariat Office, National Transmission Corporation, Materials Management Division (MMD), Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)** per set.
2. Deadline for submission, receipt and opening of bids shall be on or before **2:00 p.m. of November 19, 2004** at the Admin Conference Room, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Ave. corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the new deadline for submission shall be announced through a Bid Bulletin. Submission of documents must be clear, legible and readable. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.
3. Pre-bid conference will be held on **November 05, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Admin Conference Room, Ground Floor, TransCo Main Bldg., Power Center, Quezon Ave. corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City.
4. All particulars relative to the eligibility, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the Implementing Rules and Regulations-A of Republic Act 9184.
5. TransCo reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.
6. Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO G. LABAYANI**
*Chairman, Bids and Award Committee*

(PDI - Oct. 23 & 29, 2004)

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Batanes
**Municipality of Basco**
OFFICE OF THE BAC CHAIRMAN
**Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP II)**

## INVITATION TO BID

October 29, 2004
World Bank/IBRD Ln. No. 7152-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of ARCDPII and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the following contract located at Barangay San Joaquin, Municipality of Basco, Province of Batanes. The Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The Municipality of Basco, Province of Batanes and Implementing partner of DAR for ARCDPII invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Construction of 0.640 km. Tuva-Valay Farm to Market Road under Contract No. RIRC 04 042 01 SAN-B.**

**Project Duration** : 114 Calendar Days
**Bidding Documents** : PhP4,000.00
**Minimum Bid Security** : PhP42,000.00
**Bid Closing Date** : December 2, 2004 @ 10:00 AM

**DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:**

| Item No. | Scope of Works | Quantity | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Clearing and Grubbing | 2,580.00 | sq.m. |
| 12 | Roadway & Drainage Excavation | 378.40 | cu.m. |
| 15 | Sub-grade Preparation | 1,920.00 | sq.m. |
| 20 | Aggregate Sub-base Course | 288.00 | cu.m. |
| 31 | Portland Cement Conc Pavement (fc = 3,500 psi) | 1,920.00 | sq.m. |

**Minimum Equipments Required**

Dump Truck (2 units) – owned, Portable Compactor (2 units) –owned; Water truck (1 unit) – owned; 1 Bagger Concrete Mixer (2 units) – owned, survey instruments – leased/owned

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by the interested bidders at the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Basco, Province of Batanes starting November 4, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP4,000.00 for each set. Pre-bid conference will be held in the same address on November 18, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security deposit of PhP42,000.00 in form: Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee, on a free convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Basco, Province of Batanes on or before the Bid closing date on December 2, 2004 at 10:00 AM, at which time the Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders who wish to attend.

The LGU-BAC, ARCDPII of Basco, Batanes reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of bid and to accept the lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) HOMER B. ROBERTO
Chairman, LGU-BAC, ARCDPII

(PDI-Oct. 29, 2004)

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**Republic of the Philippines**
**Province of Batanes**
**Municipality of Mahatao**
**OFFICE OF THE BAC CHAIRMAN**
**Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP II)**

## INVITATION TO BID

October 29, 2004
World Bank/IBRD Ln No. 7152-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of ARCDPII and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the following contract located at Barangay Kaumbakan, Municipality of Mahatao, Province of Batanes. The Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The Municipality of Mahatao, Province of Batanes and implementing partner of DAR for ARCDPII invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Construction of 2.46 kms. Sumhao – Tukon Farm to Market Road under Contract No. RIRC 04 044 01 PAN-B.**

**Project Duration** : 240 Calendar Days
**Bidding Documents** : PhP 5,000.00
**Minimum Bid Security** : PhP 170,000.00
**Bid Closing Date** : December 1, 2004 @ 10:00 AM

**DESCRIPTION OF WORKS**

| Item No. | Scope of Works | Quantity | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Clearing and Grubbing | 12,300.00 | sq.m. |
| 12 | Roadway & Drainage Excavation | 2,613.00 | cu.m. |
| 13 | Structure Excavation | 198.45 | cu.m. |
| 14 | Embankment | 1,911.00 | cu.m. |
| 15 | Sub-grade Preparation | 12,300.00 | sq.m. |
| 20 | Aggregate Sub-base Course | 1,476.00 | cu.m. |
| 21 | Aggregate Base Course | 1,164.00 | cu.m. |
| 31 | Portland Cement Conc. Pavement (fc = 3,500 psi) | 2,080.00 | sq.m. |
| 51 | Stone Masonry | 306.50 | cu.m. |

**Minimum Equipments Required**

Road Grader (1 unit) - owned, Dump Truck (2 units) – owned, Portable Compactor (2 units) – owned; Water truck (1 unit) – owned; 1 Bagger Concrete Mixer (2 units) – owned, survey instruments – leased/owned

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by the interested bidders at the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Mahatao, Province of Batanes starting November 4, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PhP 5,000.00 for each set. Pre-bid conference will be held in the same address on November 17, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security deposit of PhP 170,000.00 in form: Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Guarantee on a free convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the BAC Secretariat Office, Municipality of Mahatao, Province of Batanes, on or before the Bid closing date on December 1, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. at which time the Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders who wish to attend.

The LGU-BAC ARCDPII of Mahatao, Batanes reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of bid and to accept the lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) Mrs. FLORA A. FAGAR
Chairman, LGU-BAC, ARCDPII

(PDI – October 29, 2004)

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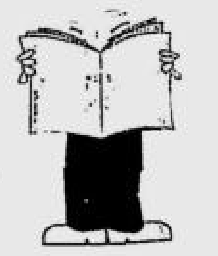

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**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."**
John 3:16

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*In Loving Memory*
on the
**First Death Anniversary**
of

## Virgilio M. Lunar

**May 4, 1945 – October 30, 2003**

Holy Masses will be offered in his memory on October 23, 2004 to November 1, 2004 at Saint Isidore Parish Church Cuenca, Batangas.

Friends, Relatives, Bangko Sentral Personnel and Beta Sigma Fraternity are invited on the 1st Year Death Anniversary on November 1, 2004, 6:00 a.m. to 12nn at Mayor Tito Comia Residence Maculot St., Cuenca, Batangas.

His family request relatives, friends and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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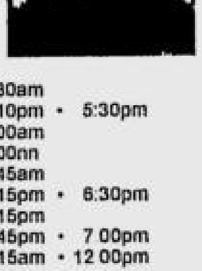
***"A Fulfillment of a Purpose Driven Life is Sweetest to the Soul..."***

In Loving Memory on the 1st Death Anniversary of our Beloved

## JED CHITO A. VILLONES

who passed away on October 29, 2003



***Holy Masses will be offered today at the following Churches:***

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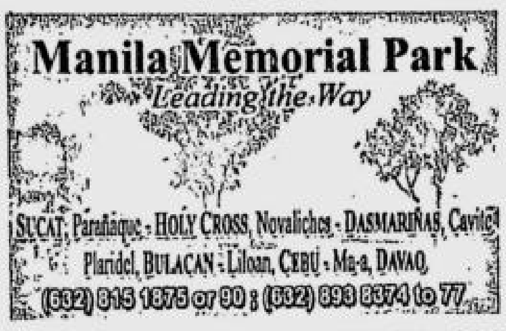
|---|---|---|
| Monastery Church of Sacred Heart | Shonard Place, Yonkers, New York | 8 30am |
| De la Salle University Chapel | Taft Avenue, Manila | 12 10pm • 5:30pm |
| San Sebastian Church Manila | Plaza del Carmen, Quiapo, Manila | 7 00am |
| St Peter and Paul Church | Ormoc City, Leyte | 12 00nn |
| Redemptorist Church | Baclaran, Parañaque | 6 45am |
| St Andrew, the Apostle Church | N Garcia cor Kalayaan Ave Makati | 12 15pm • 6:30pm |
| St. Anthony Shrine | Manrique St Sampaloc, Manila | 12.15pm |
| St Niño de Paz-Greenbelt Chapel | Greenbelt Park, Ayala Center, Makati | 5 45pm • 7 00pm |
| Sto. Niño Church-Tacloban | Tacloban City | 6 15am • 12 00pm<br>5 00pm |

*We request relatives, friends and pious readers to please remember him in your prayers*

"FOR WHEREVER YOUR HEART IS, THERE WILL BE YOUR TREASURE..."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(BELOVED WIFE OF THE LATE ROQUE "TETE" VANO ESCAÑO AND FOUNDRESS & FIRST CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD RIA HOJAS ESCAÑO FOUNDATION, INC.)

*Who died in the grace of our Lord last October 29, 1997*

Holy masses will be offered today, Friday, October 29, 2004 at the following:

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|---|---|
| Greenhills Memorial Park, Bulua | 4:00 p.m. |
| San Vicente Parish, Cugman | 6:00 a.m. |
| San Isidro Labrador, Gusa | 6:00 a.m. |
| Jesus Nazareno Parish, Recto Avenue | 5:30 p.m. |
| Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Camaman-an | 6:00 a.m. |
| Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmen | 6:00 a.m. |
| St. Augustine Cathedral | 5:30 p.m. |
| San Antonio de Padua, Nazareth | 6:00 a.m. |
| Sto. Niño Parish, Cogon | 6:00 a.m. |
| Immaculate Conception, Bulua | 6:00 a.m. |
| Carmelite Monastery, Camaman-an | 6:00 a.m. |
| Carmelite Monastery, Bukidnon | 6:00 a.m. |

The RIA (ROQUE, ISIDRO & ASUNCION) Hojas Escaño Foundation Inc., Board of Trustees, Officers and Staff, Grandson FRANZ JOSEF, relatives and friends request the pious readers to remember ASUNCION in their prayers.

## EXEQUIEL N. NIDEA

April 10, 1912 – October 27, 2004
Camalig, Albay and Naga City

*Peacefully joined his Creator and his loving wife* ***Lourdes N. Aguilar*** *at the age of 92.*

His loving children **Rhodie** (†), **Exequiel, Jr.**, **Lena**, **Genoveva**, **Elna**, **Sally**, **Alenn**, **Jesus Exequiel**, **Jennis** and **Imelda**; sons and daughters-in-law **Fely**, **Erly**, **Oswald**, **Nick**, **Joji**, **Ted**, **Marlene** and **Arnel**; grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for his eternal peace.

His body lies in state at the Imperial Chapels, Naga City. Interment will be at the Sto. Niño Memorial Park, Naga City on Saturday, October 30, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. after the morning mass.

We design **OBITUARIES** for free.

## Ignacio "Iñaki" Xavier Arrastia Tuason

*Joined his father, **Jose "Boy" Tuason**, on October 28, 2004 at the age of 46.*

His mother, **Mercedes**;
his children, **Ignacio**, **Rosario**, **Miguel**, and **Felice**;
his brothers and sisters, **Jose**, **Ramon**, **Vicente**, **Rosanna**, **Macarena**, and **Paolo**
request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will be at the Capilla de la Virgen, Sanctuario de San Antonio on Friday, October 29, 2004.

*In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to the Tuason Foundation.*

*An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.*

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## GLORIFICACION ELIZALDE-NAZARENO, MD

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*Beloved wife of the late **Dr. Pacifico D. Nazareno** peacefully joined her Creator on October 27, 2004*

Her bereaved daughters **Corazon** and **Didi**; sons-in-law **Toting Villegas** and **Bobby Icasas**; sister **Sofia**; grandchildren **Dina** and **Enrie**, **Ruby** and **John**, **Leny** and **Jaydee**, **Ricky**, **Robby**, **Joey**, **Monsy** and **Maricar**; great grandchildren **Patricia**, **Paolo**, **Pia**, **Vincent**, **Arielle**, **Monica**, **Brandon** and **Kyle Patrick**, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at the Royal Chapel of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

An evening Mass will be offered at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28.

Interment will be today, October 29, 2004 at Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity.

*Remembering Our Beloved...*

## *Dra. Engracia V. Lagman*

Schedule of Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on her 12th Death Anniversary in the following churches on October 30, 2004

CHRIST THE KING PARISH
Green Meadows Ave. Q. C.
6:00 a.m.

SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE
EDSA cor Ortigas Ave., Q. C
6:30 a.m.

CATHEDRAL SHRINE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERED
Regalado Ave., Fairview, Q. C.
6:00 a.m.

TWIN HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY
West Triangle, Q. C.
6:30 a.m.

LOURDES CHURCH
Kanlaon Street, Q.C.
7:30 a.m.

MT. CARMEL SHRINE
New Manila, Quezon City
7:00 a.m.

STA. PERPETUA PARISH
D. Tuazon, Quezon City
6:00 a.m.

MARY THE QUEEN PARISH
West Greenhills, San Juan, Q. C.
7:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF REMEDIOS PARISH
Malate, Manila
7:00 a.m.

STA. RITA CASIA PAMPANGA
Philam, Quezon City
6:30 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPCION PARISH
San Agustin Church, Intramuros Manila
7:00 a.m

SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO PARISH
Mckinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City
6:15 a.m.

MONASTERIO DE STA. CLARA
C-5 Katipunan Ave., Q. C.
6:00 a.m

SANTUARIO DE SAN JUAN
East Greenhills, Manduluyong City
6:15 a.m.

BASILICA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPCION
Manila Metropolitan Cathedral
7:30 a.m.

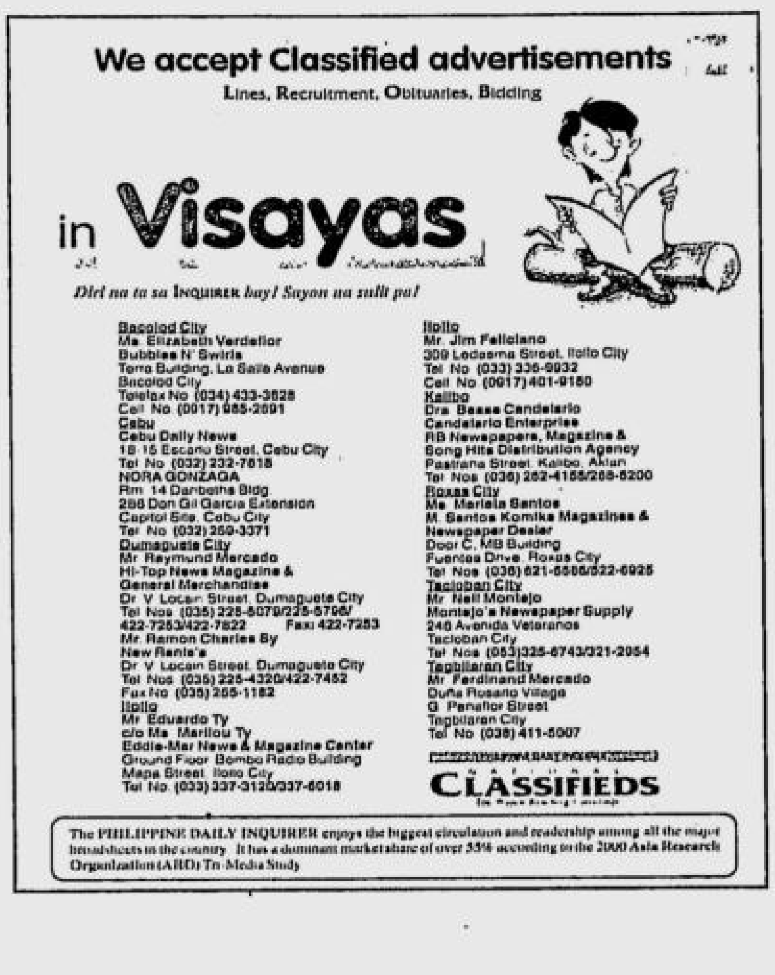
NAT'L SHRINE OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
Sto. Domingo Church, Q. C.
7:15 a.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
6:00 a.m.

STA. RITA DE CASIA PARISH
Sta. Rita, Pampanga
5:30 a.m.

METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
7:00 a.m.

SAN AGUSTINE PARISH
San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
6:00 a.m.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## Silvino J. Aseron Sr.

*Peacefully joined our Lord on October 27, 2004* at the age of 80.

His beloved wife **Rosario R. Aseron**; children **Jun**, **Oya** and **Ross**, **Mario** and **Grace**, **Rudy** and **Mildred**; grandchildren **Dhess**, **Jeremmy**, **Kaye**, **Arjay**, **Ericka** and **Kaymar**; brothers and sisters request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Bahay Ugnayan, Samson Vigil Spaces 145 Bayan Luma, Imus, Cavite.

It will be transferred on Sunday morning at his family residence in Taliba, San Luis, Batangas.

Interment will be on Tuesday, November 2 at the Christian Memorial Park, Lemery, Batangas after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Lourdes Chapel, Barrio Taliba, San Luis, Batangas.

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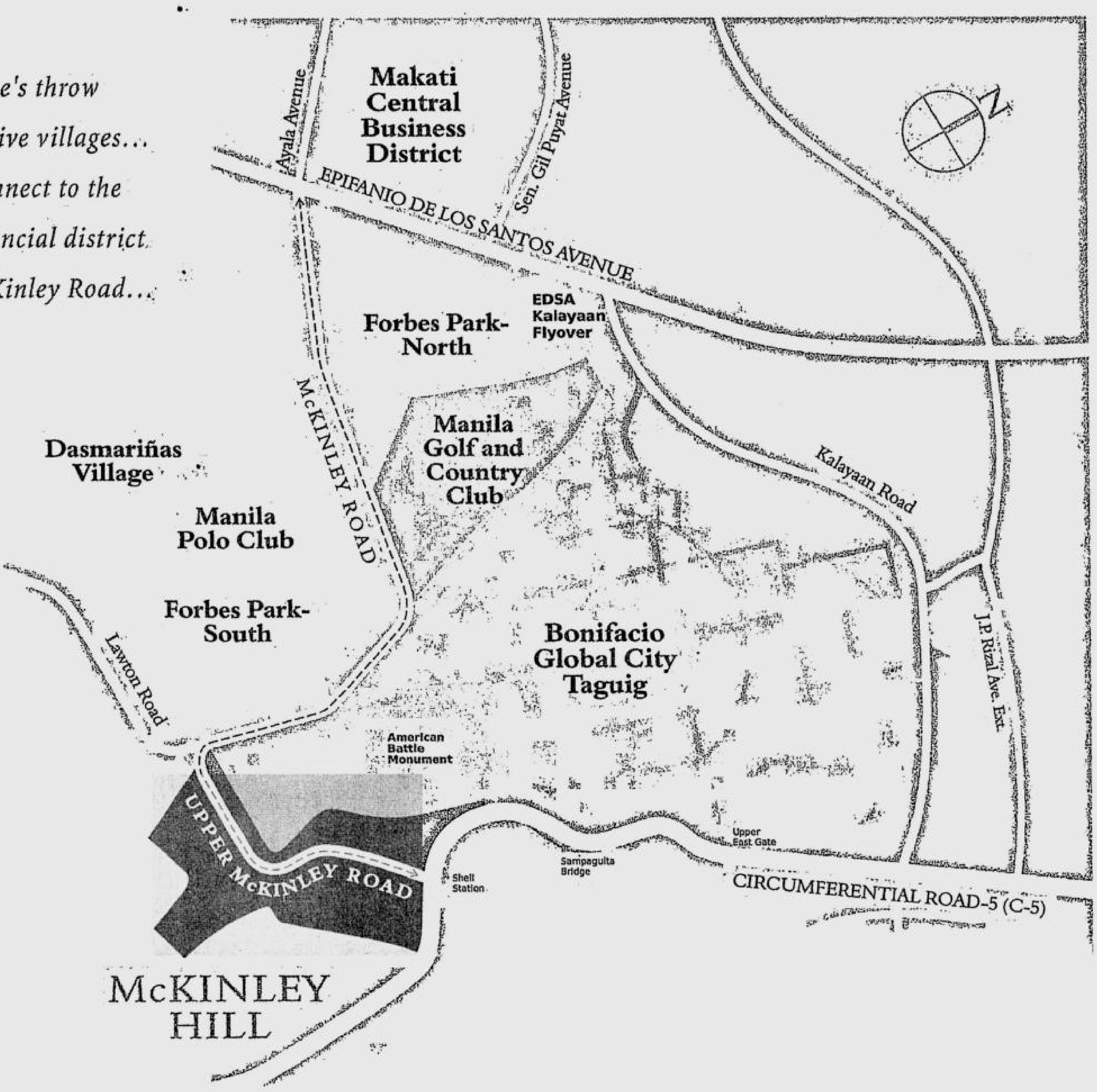
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FLORAL embroidery and beadwork on Sarah Jane Paez

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# Passage to India

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BRITISH India recently opened its sixth and biggest store in the country at The Podium, with a fashion show featuring live female clients and a handful of professional male models.

Citifashion Specialty Stores, local distributors of the premium Malaysian brand owned and designed by Pat Liew, transformed the upscale mall's activity center into their idea of what an Indian courtyard was like. The brand's top customers—Fortune Ledesma, Sara Jane Paez, Che Singson, Evangeline Pascual and INQUIRER Lifestyle's Cory Quirino—were invited to parade in their British India finery.

> The sun never sets on the British India empire of classic and comfortable threads

"We wanted to impress upon the public that British India was meant for real women with discriminating taste," said Richard Coronel Santos, CSSI's VP for merchandising.

To be fair to the ladies, most of them were

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CORY Quirino's casual top and luxe bottom

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NICOLE Anderson goes loose and comfy.

# Passage to India

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either former models or beauty queens in their heydays. With or without the title, however, they have managed to remain lovely despite the years.

For some reason, organizers weren't able to find enough "real" men to model for them. But one of the guys, hot stud Brent Javier, is said to be a British India patron. He shared the stage with two other buffed Adonises.

## Captive market

"British India has a captive market among people in their late 20s to their late 40s," says Santos. "In fact, the brand's pieces have appeal even among older customers."

Many of British India's latest pieces were beaded and embroidered in the brand's trademark rustic style. Intricate pieces in white, beige and fall colors and made mostly of linen, silk and supima—a premium variety of Indian cotton—were sometimes combined with the brand's latest line of yoga wear consisting of breathable tees, tank tops and jogging pants.

Apart from being comfortable and classic, British India also offers exclusivity. Since most styles are limited to a certain number of pieces, the chances of you bumping into someone else wearing the same outfit is definitely lessened. That's certainly good news to its loyal subjects.

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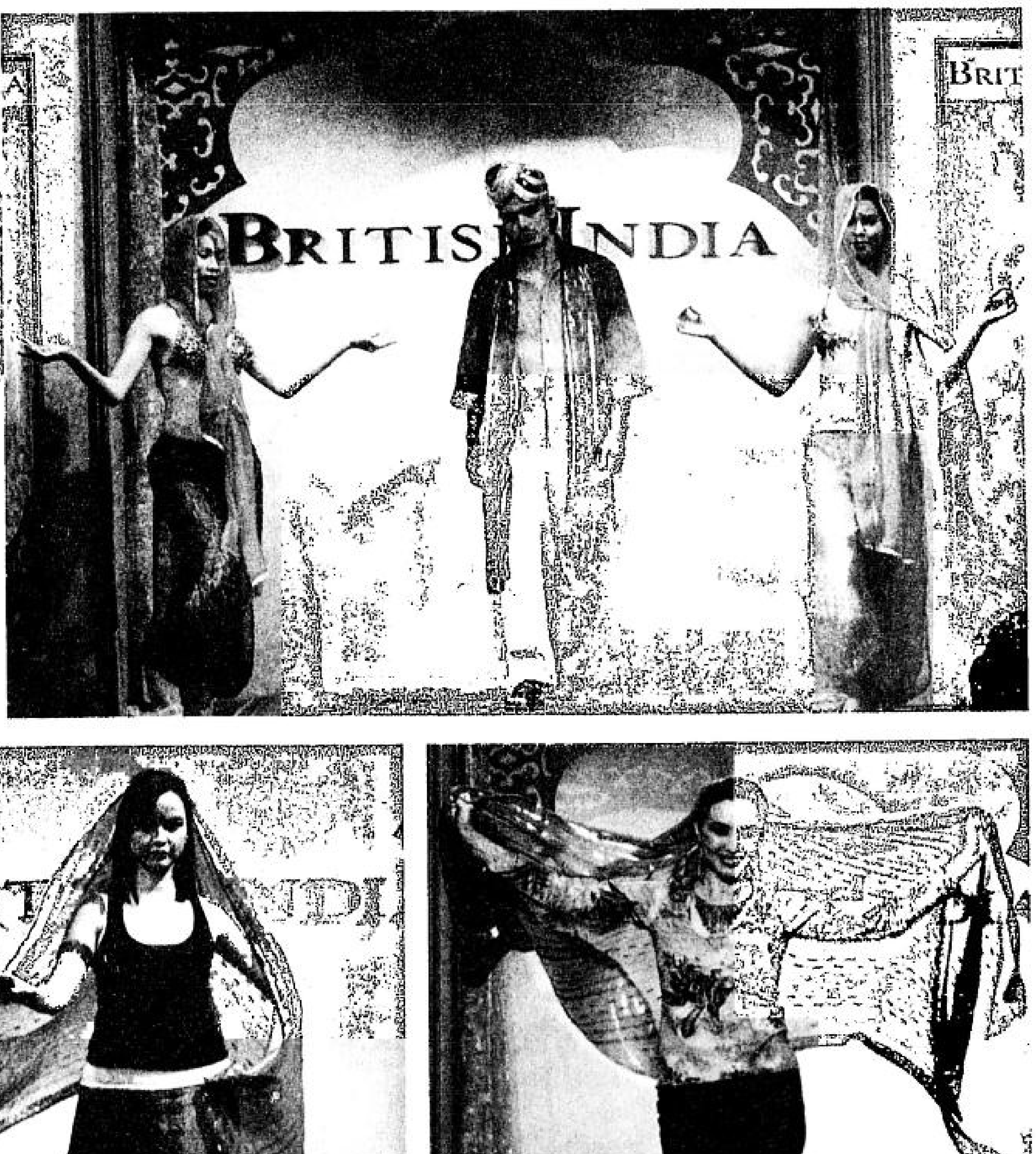
TAM Cordoba's urban Indian take


ETERNAL summer look

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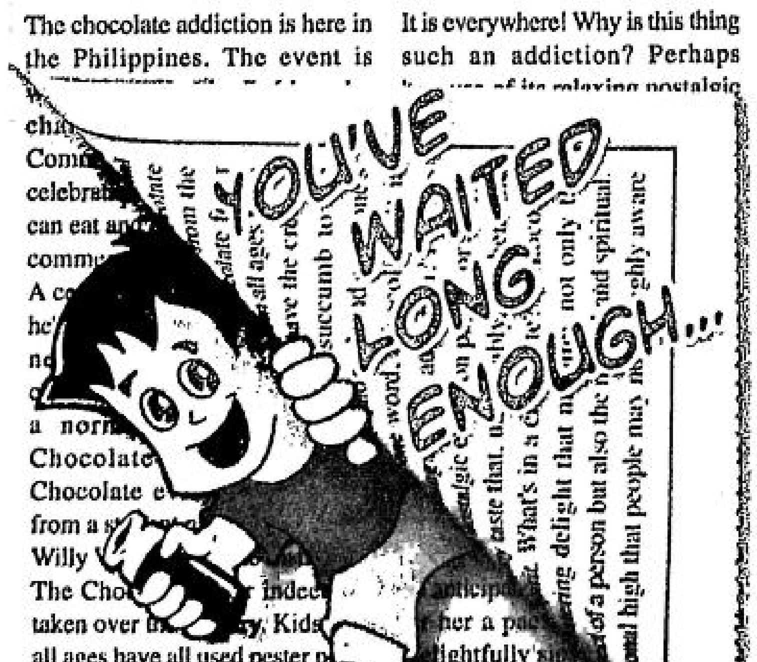
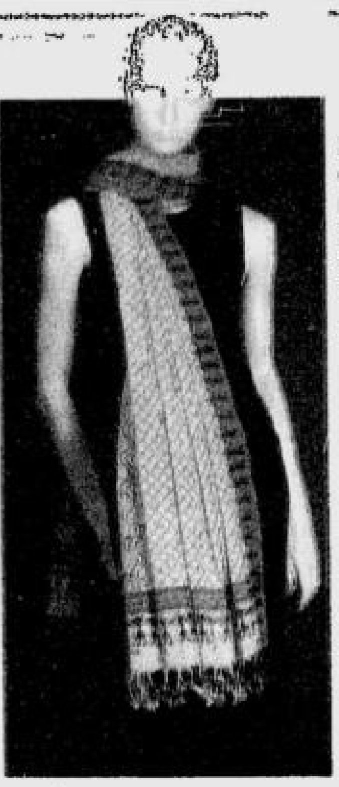

YOU'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH...
The chocolate addiction is here in the Philippines. The event is

It is everywhere! Why is this thing such an addiction? Perhaps

# Living colors of Indian textiles in two museums

**SILK** wrap blouse with embroidery detail, polysilk layered skirt

**SILK** corset with embroidery detail, polysilk tiered crinkled skirt



**KHADI-COTTON** block-printed stole in Warli patterns ▸

**SILK** asymmetric dress with lace and embroidery

INDIA'S traditional and vigorous textile industry gets double exposure with exhibitions at both the National and Metropolitan Museums.

The National Museum's "India: The Living Art" opened yesterday and will run until Jan. 26. "Living Culture" at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila opens today and will run until Nov. 24.

A collection of 70 pieces of textiles from the collection of the National Handicrafts and Handloom Museum in New Delhi will be on display at the Museum of the Filipino People.

The Met, on the other hand, showcases the works of eight Indian designers who drew inspiration from the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

The collection was put together by the National Institute of Fashion Technology of India.

The National Museum/Museum of Filipino People is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. Call the education division at 5270278 or the Museum of the Filipino People at 5243005.

The Met exhibition may be viewed 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

**TASSAR** silk jacket with Dabu print, tassar silk trousers

**LINEN** trousers with embroidery detail, organza silk poncho

**SILK** asymmetric dress with tie-dye and embroidery detail, silk crinkled skirt

NOW, IT'S HERE AGAIN...

grandness of the chocolatey event. What more can a normal person ask for? Chocolate here! Chocolate everywhere, quoted from a student the Willy Wink Chocolate Institution. The Chocolate all ages have the creamy succumb to the chocolate's tempting Look into each and everyone's mi you'll see only one word, Chocolate. It is here! Why is such an addiction? Perhaps because of on people or simple because of the cream soothens the tongue and the spirit. a mouth-watering delight but also the m may not be highl weight watchers. A as you ha every bi escape to every adult is serious and and power. A bond to and watch a cartoon show to their lives but only enjoying Chocolate is a solution to eve ment. to every painful phase. A re accomplish confidant to every predicament. in it's truest sense, is indeed a puzzle yet to be unveiled by someone but truly enjoyed by everyone.

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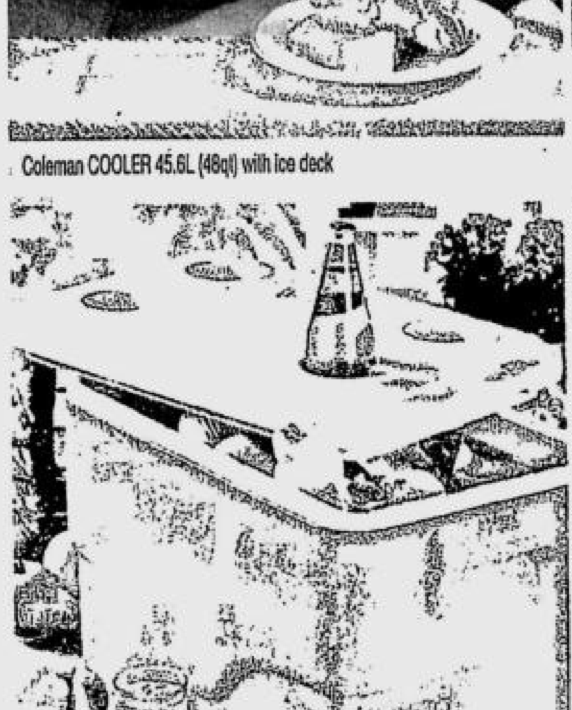

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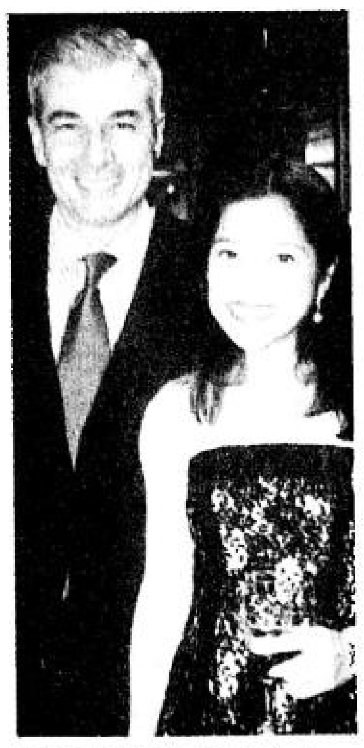
**TODAY'S** society darlings: Sharmila Hiranand, Margarita Delgado and Patsy Zobel-Halffter



**FERNANDO** Zobel de Ayala and his adorable wife, Kitkat Silverio

**WOMEN** of substance: brilliant businesswoman Virgie Ramos and eye-catching TV charmer Karen Davila

**BUSINESSMAN** Mandy Eduque with wife, young hostess with the mostest Chu-chu Madrigal E., and Rustan's royal boy Bienvenido Tantoco Jr.

**GORGEOUS** superstars. Maricel Soriano, Claudine Barretto and Raymart Santiago

**PHILIPPINE** Tatler editor in chief Anton San Diego with award-winning actor Cesar Montano and stunning looker Joanne Zapanta Andrada

**THANK** you, thank you! Inno Sotto takes his well-deserved bow.

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WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

*Maurice Arca*

Photos by **Alex Van H**

SENSUALITY, softness and sophistication are the three fashion hallmarks of the country's Prince of *alta moda*, **Inno Sotto**. His superb fashion show, "Around the Moon: Inno Sotto, Five Women," was recently held at what seems to be the "in" place nowadays to launch a grand happening—the recently inaugurated ultra-modern Ayala Museum, dahlings.

Reflecting a healthy marriage of expertise in col oration, femininity in approach and elegance in finish Inno's collection proved once again that his panache goes beyond skill and talent. This designer just understands what works best for women.

The fashion collection that earned for Inno a standing ovation was a fitting finale to the launch of his "ISM," as in "Inno Sotto Mondo," a line of cool fragrances he had been working on for two years with his French partners, **Stephane** and **François Berthier** Both from Grasse in southern France, the pair jetted in for the launch of ISM, which has three scents: Miro Huit, and my personal favorite, Deauville.

Beautiful images of ISM adorned the Ayala Museum, as cocktails provided by Pepato and M Café welcomed the glamorous pack. Bubbly Veuve Clicquo champagne was overflowing. Inno's other partners for the event were Peugeot, HSBC, Globe Platinum Swatch, Essenses and Philippine Tatler.

The gala night's guest of honor was **President Macapagal-Arroyo**, who looked cool in an aqua ter no by Inno, natch. Good-looking actor **Cesar Montano** tried to shy away from the glitzy set but failed, a he was almost mobbed by many from the *alta sociedad*.

## Stylish personas

Blending in so well with Manille's cafe society were talented actress **Maricel Soriano**, and another brilliant young actress, gorgeous **Claudine Barretto** looking absolutely divine in the arms of her handsome, a bit shy escort, **Raymart Santiago**.

**Margarita "Gaita" Fores**, a super pal of Inno looked sultry in her fab attire. "Do I look like my mom?" she asked me. "I'm wearing one of her 197 vintage Jean Patou chiffon gowns." No, she didn't look like her mother but like the stylish persona she always is, *palanggas*.

Best-dressed lady **Sigalit Djemal** was an eye-catcher in her sophisticated canary yellow chiffon gown by Inno, with a super flirty slit that opened up to her thighs. **Menchu Menchaca Soriano** made her entrance looking like the super fashion plate that she is in her blue marine, red lace ruffled gown, with cabbage roses cascading down her side.

Alabaster beauty **Joanne Zapanta Andrada** was a sight to knock your socks off, wearing a fire engine red taffeta gown by **JC Buendia**. She had men and women looking at her as she socialized. Serenely feminine, on the other hand, was the miss with the four Bs, attractive **Mons Romulo Tantoco**, who was a cool sight in her pastel ecru strapless gown by Inno, with dangling diamond earrings for that fine touch of class.

Turning all heads her way, including that of her mother who looked at her daughter with astonish

**SUPER** pals. Betty Sy, celebrator Cory Quirino, Tor Borromeo

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eyes, was tall, attractive Bea Zobel Jr. in a [illegible] black duchess satin gown brilliantly designed for her by Pepito Albert. The designer had excellently put together the antique carved turquoise jewelry making Bea Z. Jr. stand out in a crowd of the beautiful, wealthy and famous.

## Gathering for a cause

A dream to build a permanent home for 500 street children is always a worthy cause. Right, *palanggas*?

Thus, those kings and queens of the jungle gathered recently at the excellent [illegible] Restaurant in Greenbelt 3 to help the [illegible] Foundation's Street Children Village [illegible].

It was a [illegible] of beautiful faces. The glitterati [illegible] included Sen. **Kiko Pangilinan**, Mayor **Lito Atienza** (who had to make a sudden trip [illegible] his donation just the same), my now ex-partner **Johnny Litton**, former Press Secretary **Rod Reyes**, [illegible] I wish we could, [illegible] **Jimmy Licauco**, everyone's *palangga* **Bob Zozobrado**, top [illegible] **Tito Catindig**, top architect **Conrad Onglao**, musical impresario **Charlemagne Lim**, fashion maven **Jeannie Goulbourn**, socialite **Evie Costa**, [illegible] TV star and now popular interior designer **Carmi Martin**, PICC's **Celia Villanueva**, vibrant **Fortune Ledesma**, woman of action **Anet Ablan**, PAL's high-flying **Fe Dixon**, fashion plate **Letlet Veloso** and the fairy godmother of the street children-beneficiaries no less, **Cory Quirino**.

Hey, as whistle-bait figures go, headturners Cory and Carmi are in my list of hall of famers, dahlings.

Well, guess who walked in to surprise all of us? None other than the country's most eligible bachelor, Sen. **Mar Roxas**. One very single, attractive gal whispered to me, "I know he's supposedly seeing **Korina Sanchez**, but what the heck, as long as there's no ring on that finger, he is fair game!"

But then, the question is, was he there for someone special? Ooops! My left eyebrow is raised, *palanggas*.

Standouts included smartly dressed **Betty Sy**, Rep. **Baham Mitra**, former tourism secretary **Tony Gonzalez**, **Lilibeth Verata**, **Ruby Tuason**, **Doods Policarpio**, Air Philippines' **Patty Chiong**, **Tina Ferreros** and super eye-catching beauty **Cecilia Quirino**, who jetted in from the city that never sleeps, New York, where she now lives.

So, who says that in these tough times parties are meaningless? Think again, *palanggas*. If more parties were like this one, then let's party on, *di bala*?

MONACO Consul Fortune Ledesma with Jeannie Goulbourn and Sen. Mar Roxas

Gregory and Myrna

CAPT. Bobot Diño

NISSAN'S top gun Nick Locsin with wife, talented Lucille Carlos L., lustrous Jewelmer pearl Baby Cruz, elegant Sally Navarro and husband Rizalino N.

ADORABLE *famille* Romulo: young businessman Sander, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and lovely wife Lovely, and chic Mons Romulo Tantoco

BEA Zobel Jr. in a head-turning gown by brilliant Pepito Albert

ONE of Manille's best dressed women, Sigalit Djemal, with husband, international businessman Sinai; multi-faceted business entrepreneur Choy Cojuangco and attractive wife, Southern gal Marissa

DIAMONDS are a girl's best friend. Socialites Mely Hechanova and Nena Garcia, with architect and interior designer Ramon Antonio

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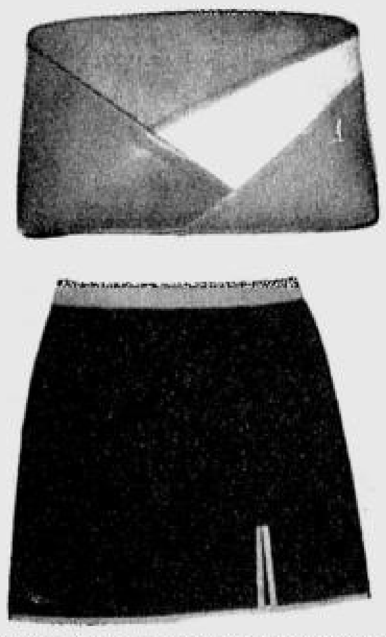

### In fine prints

**Mixing prints and combining bright hues are surefire ways to achieve quirky chic-ness. A simple polka-dotted jacket paired with a vibrant printed blouse will surely turn heads. Use a neutral or solid-colored bottom to pull the look together. Feeling brave? Use ultra-colorful accessories to finish off your new look. Jacket, P650, skirt, P595 and multicolored clutch, P650, from Mimi Cosmetics; turquoise stilettos, P2,380, from Solea. All available at the Power Plant Mall**

# Mix-match, mismatch!

## Don't be afraid to pick pieces that are just a bit off-tangent and unexpected

### APPLES' PICKINGS

*Apples Aberin-Sadhwani*

KATE Moss, Chloe Sevigny and, in the local scene, Mega magazine editor in chief Liza Ilarde-Cuenca and stylist Jenni Epperson have perfected the art of mixing different elements, prints, accessories and articles of clothing to create a look that's now known as "quirky chic."

These stylish women understand that fashion is fun and a way of expressing one's self. There are no definite rules nowadays, except perhaps for dress codes in certain work environments and specific occasions.

You, too, can take the opportunity to experiment, mix-match, or should I say, mismatch. Do this by picking pieces that are just a bit off-tangent and unexpected. Don't be afraid to mix colors and prints and items that don't naturally blend, such as a tongue-in-cheek character tee matched with a tweed jacket or a printed circle skirt paired with a tee with a completely different design.

Although the elements don't completely jive, you can still blend them to create an interesting and unique look.

Should you decide to follow the quirky path, remember to allow your sense of humor to shine through. More importantly, always be comfortable and confident about yourself and your new look. You simply can't go wrong with the right attitude.

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### Stepford Wife meets Lara Croft

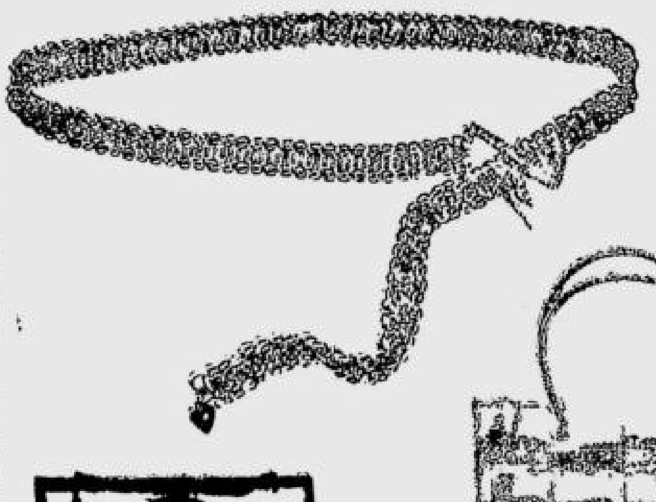
**Create a bit of irony by combining unexpected elements such as a racy tee and a ladylike tweed skirt. The juxtaposition is interesting and definitely quirky. Accessorize with unique pieces to complete the look. Hoochie mama tee, from Tyler; tweedy skirt with lace details, P995, from Mimi Cosmetics; embellished bag, P1,250, and faux pearl and crystal-like choker, P900, from Marion Godart; ballet shoes, P2,180, from Solea. All available at the Power Plant Mall**

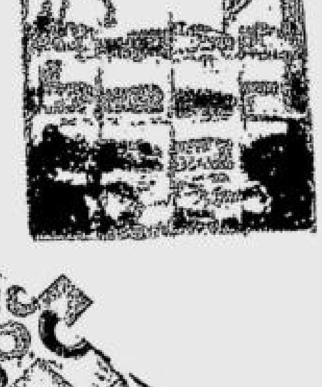
### High-low mentality

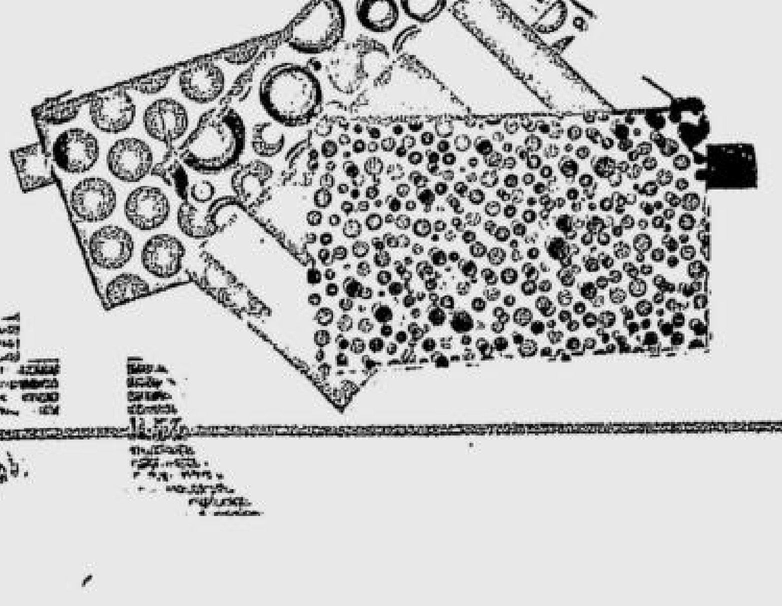
**High-low dressing can mean a lot of different things. In this case, it translates to the combination of ultra-casual elements like jeans and a tongue-in-cheek tee with sophisticated pieces such as a crushed silk trench. A pair of stilettos and a one-of-kind tapestry bag can help create even more contrast. Starlet tee from Am Boulevard in Robinsons Manila; Bella Dahl vintage jeans from Rustan's; tapestry bag, P3,050, from Marion Godart at the Power Plant Mall; Pret-a-Party silk trench, P2,283, and black ruffled stilettos (made to order) from Solea at the Power Plant Mall**

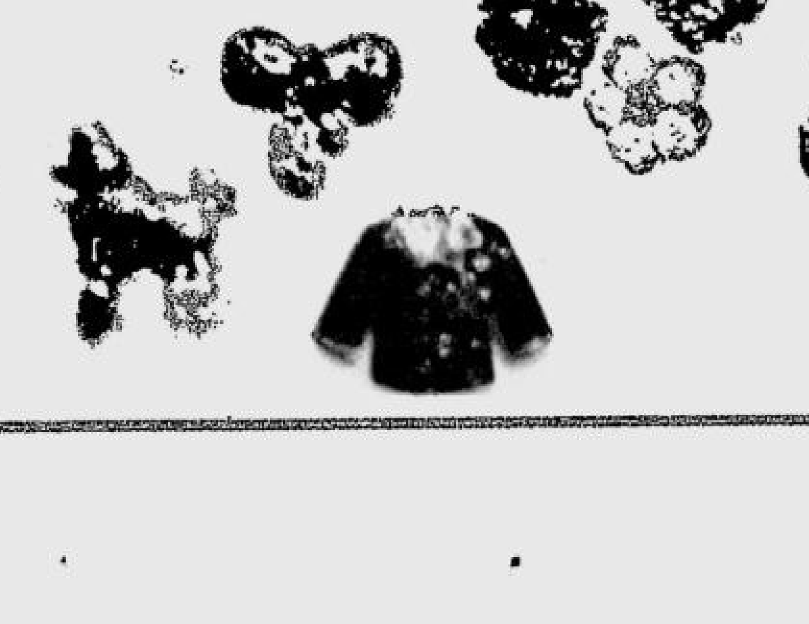
### Accessorize, accessorize!

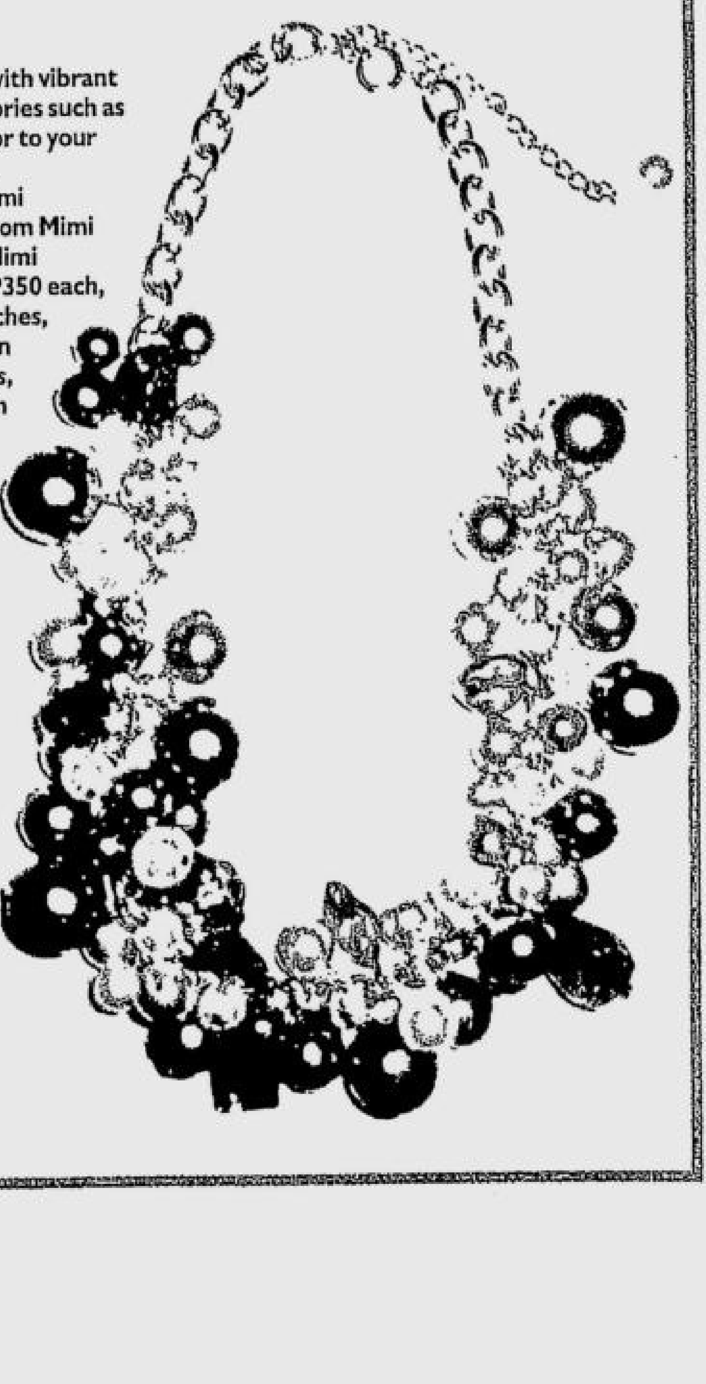
**If you're not daring enough to don clothes with vibrant colors and a multitude of prints, use accessories such as these to add a touch of originality and humor to your basic, everyday look.**
**Metal belt with ribbon clasp, P995, from Mimi Cosmetics. Colorful vanity kits, P95 each, from Mimi Cosmetics. Brooches, P250-P295, from Mimi Cosmetics. Multi-strand chokers, P350 each, from Mimi Cosmetics. Brooches, P975-P1,050, from Marion Godart. Transparent bags, P1,275 each, from Marion Godart. Sequined flower pins, P400 each, from Solea. All available at the Power Plant Mall**











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# Aussie swimwear makes a splash

RUSTAN'S U brings in one of Australia's best fashion swimwear brands, Seafolly.

From sexy, skin-baring cutaway one-pieces to Brazilian briefs, 1980s style bandeaus and tied or belted hipsters, the sexy collection includes different styles and core shapes, providing perfect fit for every body type.

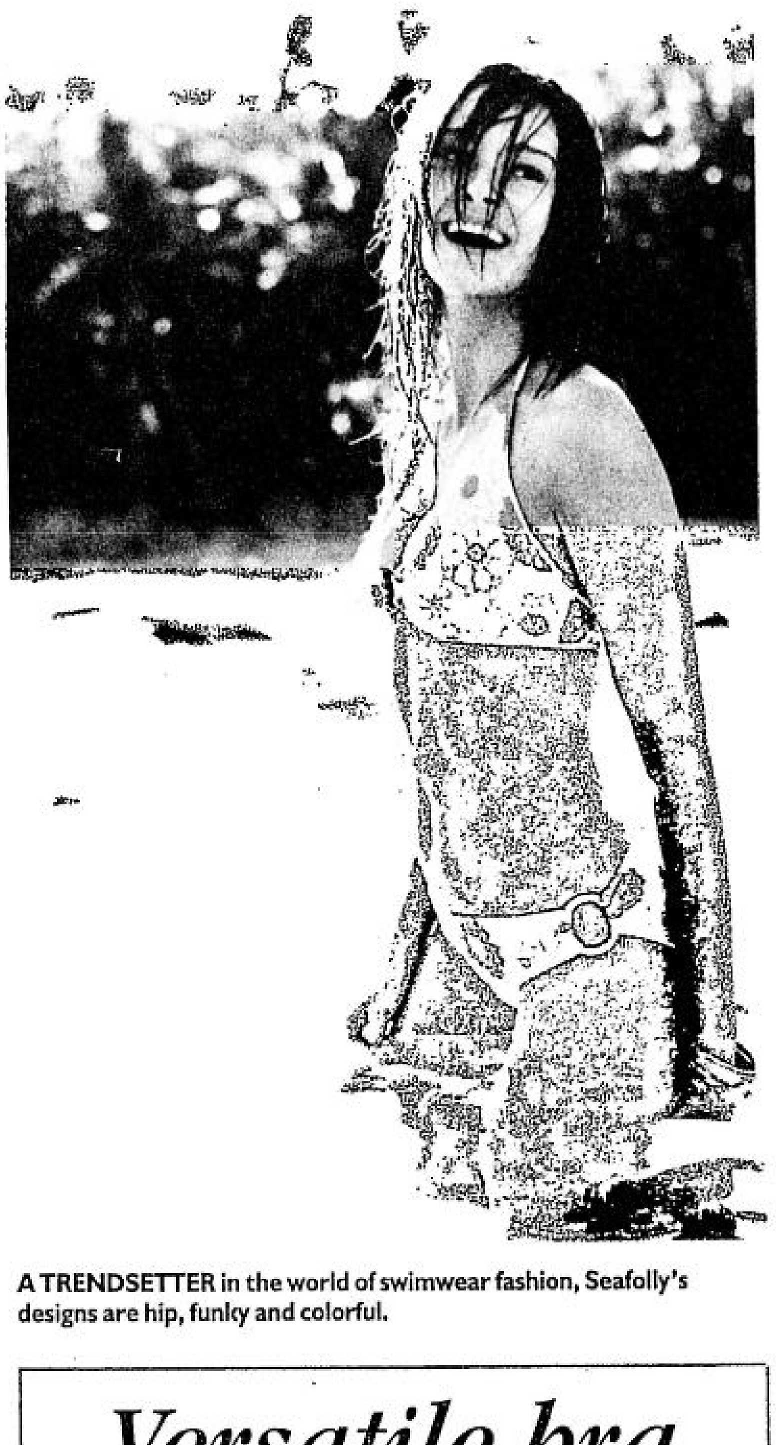
"Seafolly is a trendsetter in the world of swimwear fashion. We are constantly scouring the globe, researching the latest color, fabric and print trends and translating them to fashionable, wearable swimwear. In this sense, we really lead the world in swimwear design," said Genelle Walkom, Seafolly's head designer for over 20 years.

Seafolly is one of Australia's largest exporters of swimwear, exporting almost half of its annual production to Selfridges, Harrods, Galleries La Fayette, German retail giant Karstadt, and now Rustan's U.

This season's key trends include:

- Sexy retro styling from the '70s and '80s with mini tubes, low-riding hipsters, wide '70s halters, ruching and hipster boylegs
- Green as the key color with shades in cactus, emerald, khaki and mint. Bright and dark color blocks are combined, with new cactus green teamed with khaki and turquoise or flamingo pink with jaffa, pale pink and dark chocolate.
- Prints catering to every taste, from oversized Hawaiian prints to funky '50s styled spots and florals, as well as Pucci-inspired prints and tribal-inspired polka dots in geometric patterns
- Outerwear and lifestyle dressing features shorts, skirts, and beach pants, alongside kaftans, wrap *sarong* skirts and '50s style sundresses.

Seafolly is exclusively available at the U Floor of Rustan's Makati.



**A TRENDSETTER** in the world of swimwear fashion, Seafolly's designs are hip, funky and colorful.

# *Versatile bra*

BODY hugging shirts and sheet outfits define women's tops these days. And Avon Fashions Designer Label complements these hot picks with the new Regina Convertible T-shirt Brassiere in Nude.

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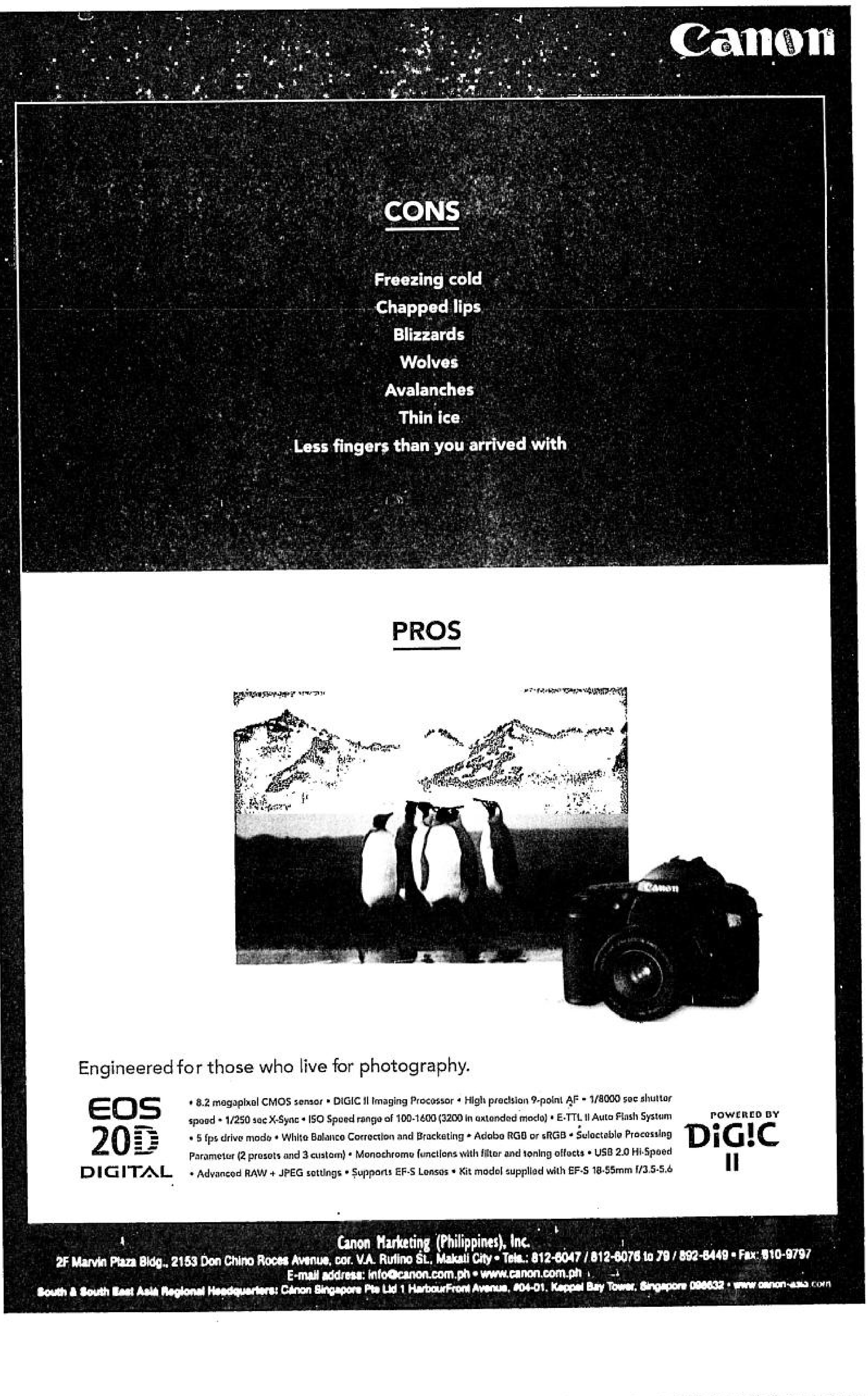

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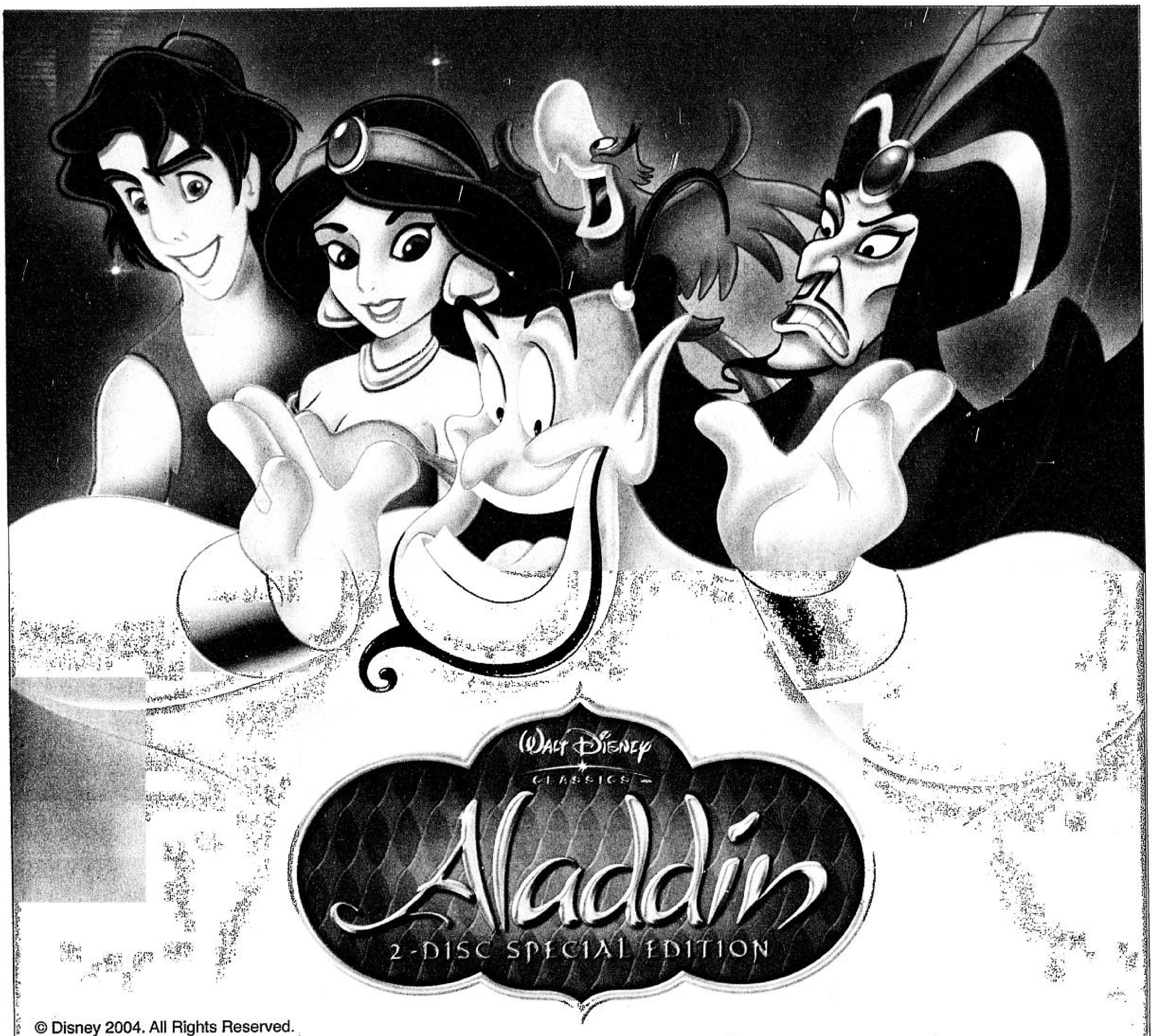
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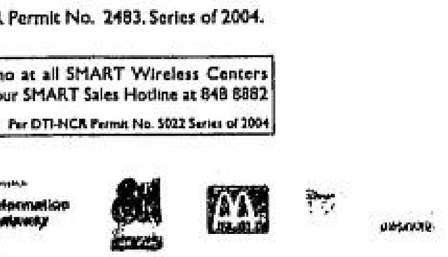

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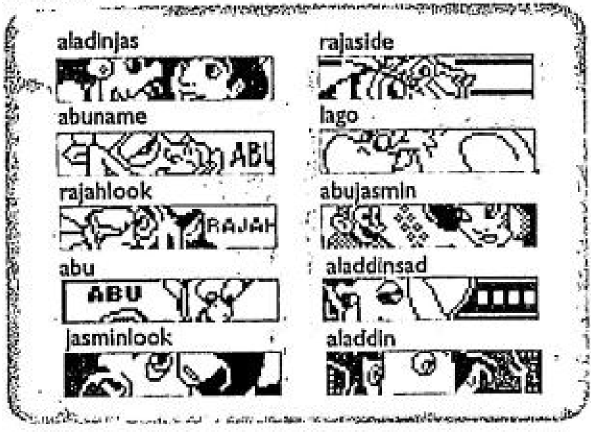
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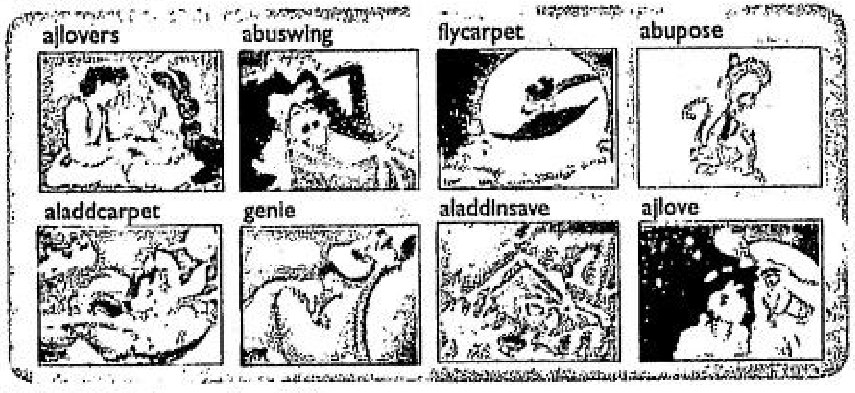
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# Student designers' fashion show

FIFTEEN young fashion design students from La Salle College International are mounting a fashion show called "Behind the Seam" on Nov. 2 at the grand ballroom of the Dusit Hotel Nikko.

These students' fashion idols include Vera Wang, Ralph Lauren, Oscar de la Renta, John Galliano, the Palmos Brothers, Rhett Eala and Inno Sotto, among others.

"There are lots of designers in Manila and they are all good," says student Maita Fer-

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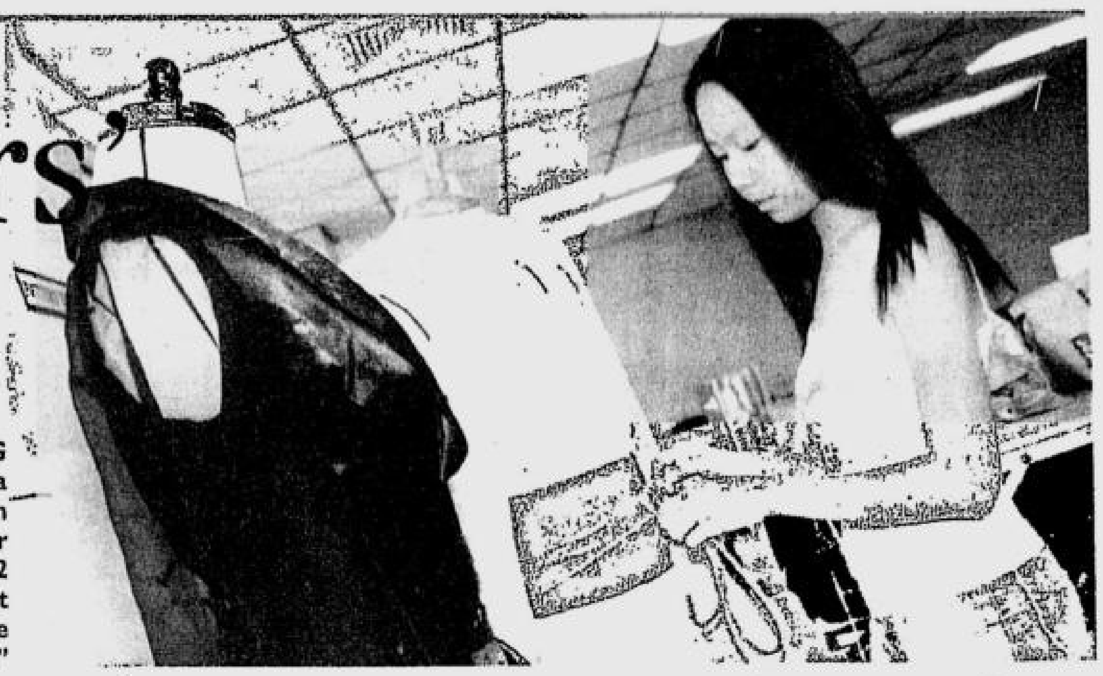

**YOUNG designer Kriska See working on her design for the Nov. 2 fashion event "Behind the Seam"**

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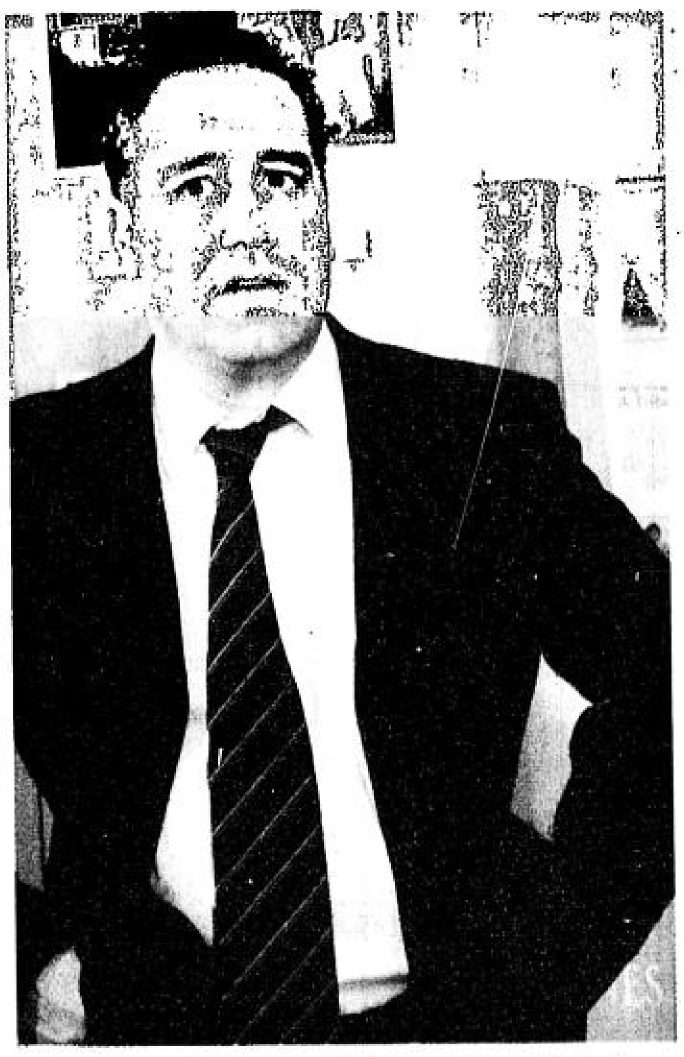

**MARC** Arsenault, director of the Montreal-based La Salle College International

**YOUNG** designers from the Montre
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**CHRISTINE** Estepa (second from right) of Light and Sound Production flanked by fashion adviser Jorge Palmos and fashion event director Sydney Sio and a female model

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al-based La Salle College International: Maita Fernandez, Swee, Tonee Co, Kriska See, Macky Lope

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nandez. “But the fashion events are a bit raw and the fashion surprises are not even seasonal. With more young designers getting into the picture, we will be exposed to more creations and more ideas.”

Another design student, Tonee Co, says there is a big chance for Manila to become a fashion capital. “But we should update ourselves, we should do something about the lack of local materials, and designers should get together and not compete in a negative way,” she says.

Co and Fernandez are two of the 15 young fashion innovators participating in the fashion show. Most of the participating designers are students of La Salle College International in Montreal, Canada, specializing in fashion design and fashion marketing. The event will feature lifestyle and couture sleepwear.

“I basically like working with young minds and new talents,” says executive producer Christine A. Estepa, who heads Light & Sound Talent Management & Production, which is mounting the show. “What people will see in this fashion show are products of young people with fresh ideas,” she added.

Musical director is Abraham Estepa Jr., with overall direction by Sydney Sio.

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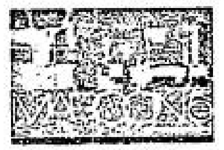
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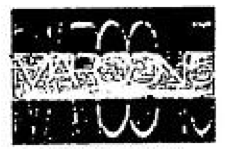
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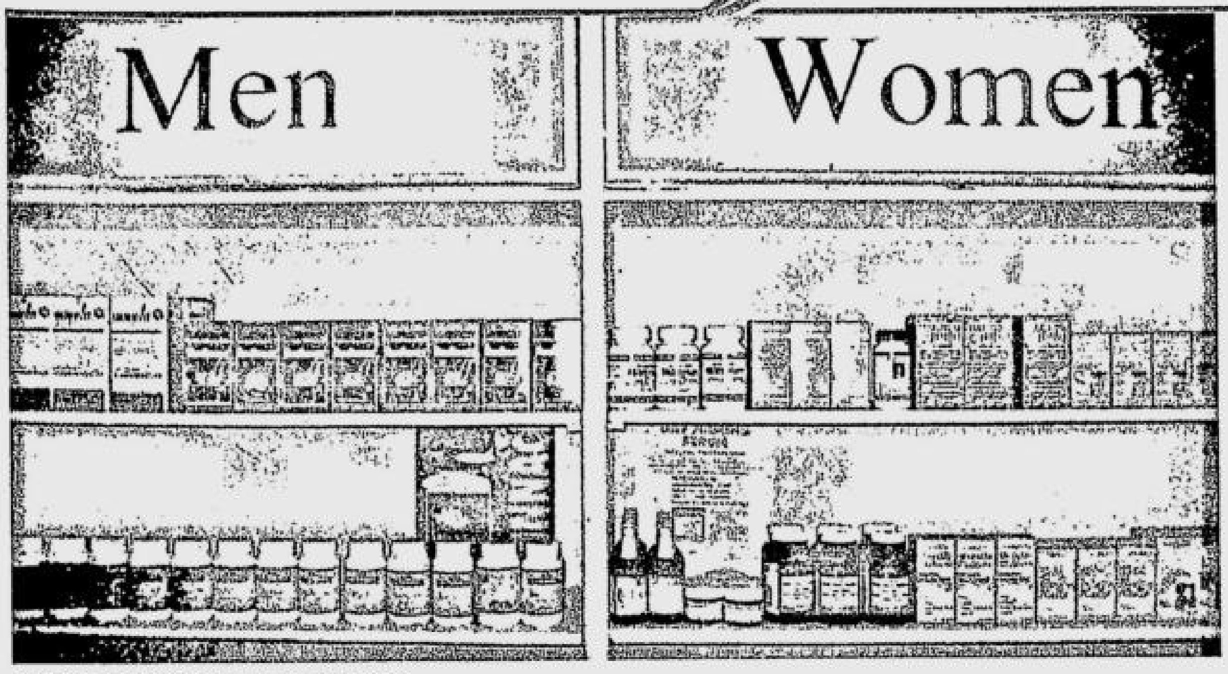

SUPPLEMENTS for men and women

All the age-defying women I have met are taking vitamin supplements

# Fighting aging from within

LATELY, I have not been wearing that much makeup. I want to monitor my aging process without the distraction of camouflage so I can treat the problem areas early on.

It occurred to me that I have to fight aging from the inside. All the gorgeous mature women I have met, who look a good 15-30 years younger than their real age, are taking vitamin supplements for reasons of health and vanity.

**MAKEOVER 911**

*Kinny Salas*

First on my list is to find the necessary supplements that would counteract the effects of aging. The supplements should help grow great hair, speed up sluggish metabolism, relieve insomnia and promote good skin, among others.

The next step is to find a store selling the right stuff at the most reasonable rates. My search led me to Health Express (HE) at Glorietta 3. I must say, after six months, I have become a believer in their supplements. The price range is also impressive. A product bought at HE could be cheaper by as much as P500 compared to other stores.

## Good and cheap

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The store also has pampering gadgets and exercise videos. Check out the Lotte Berk Method workout, which I feel will interest Pilates and/or yoga lovers.

My favorite HE buys: **Radiance**, P850: Time-release long-acting vitamins/mineral dietary supplements popular for making the complexion radiantly smooth while stalling the aging process.

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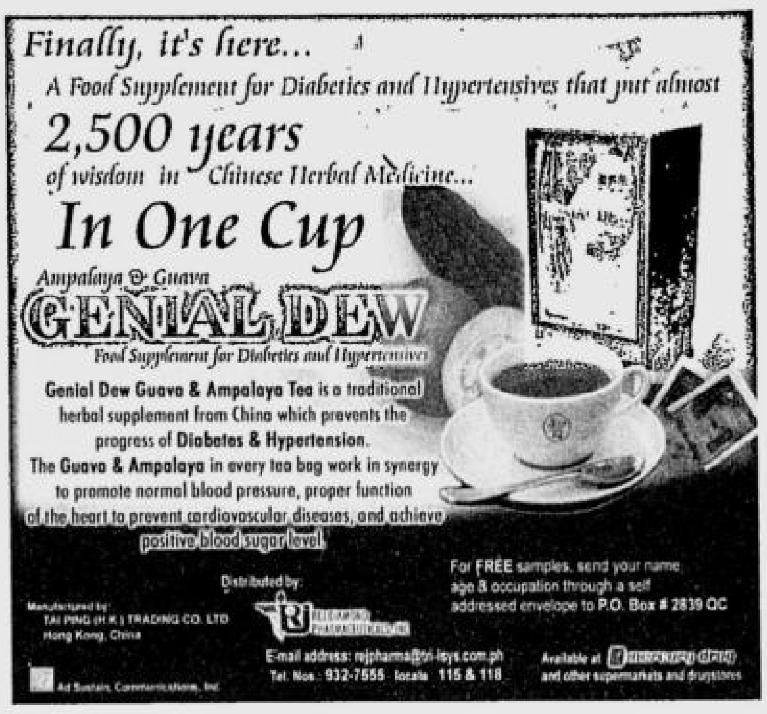
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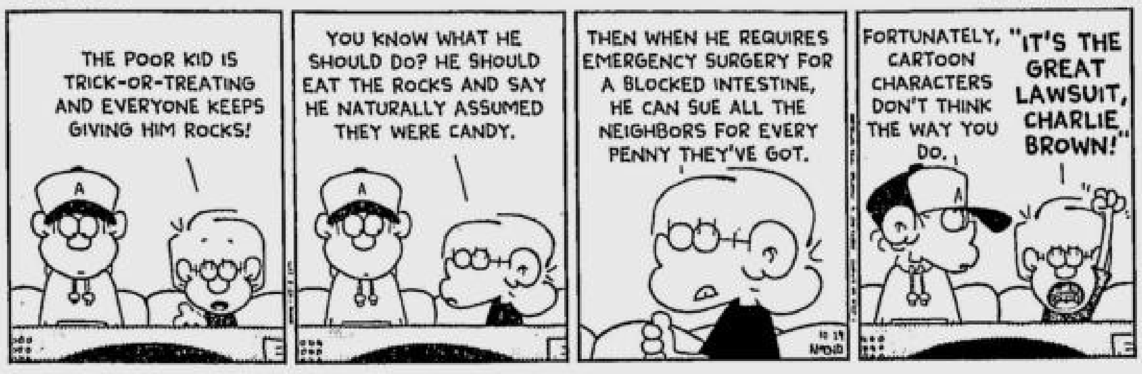
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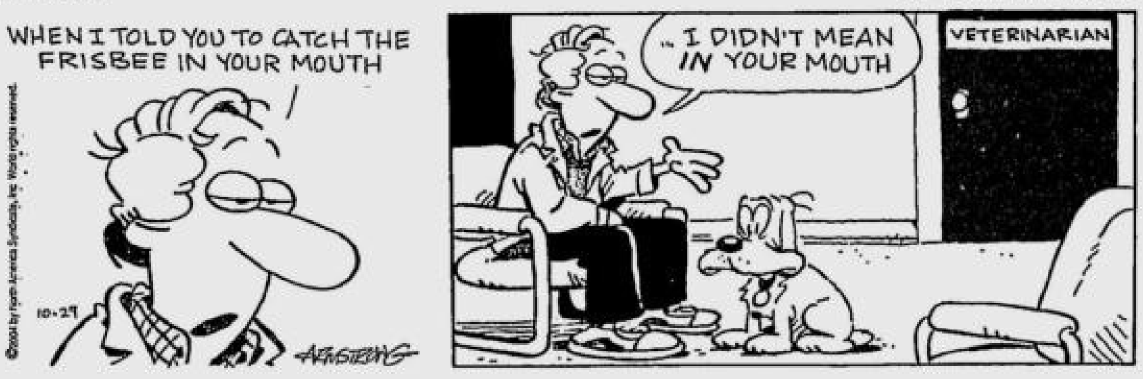
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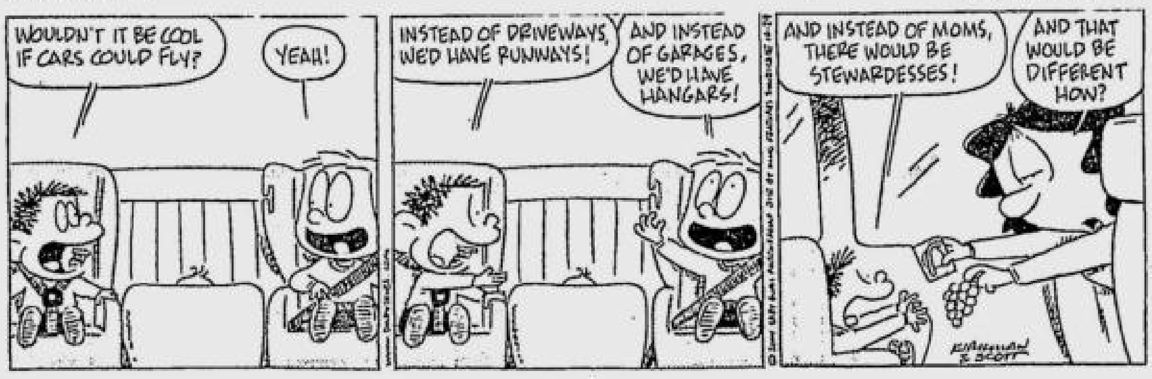
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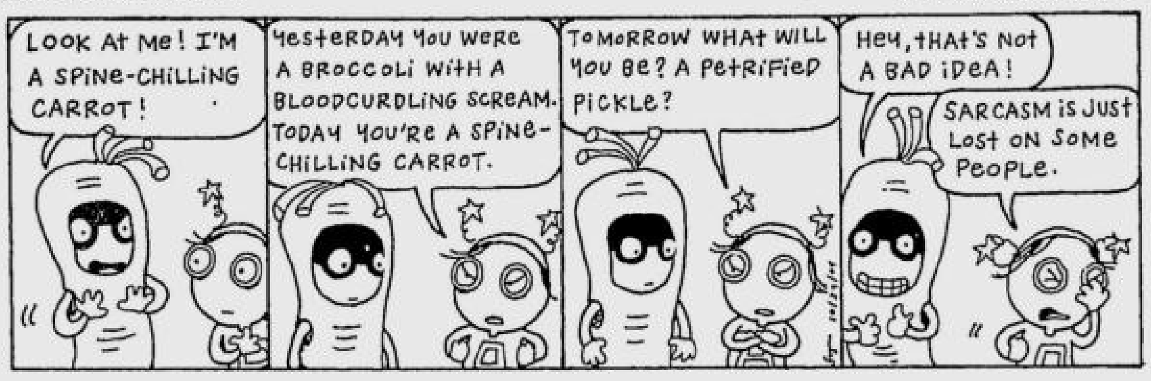
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**Birthdate of:** Kate Jackson, actress; Richard Dreyfuss, actor; Leon Redbone. musician.

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**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** You have an excellent opportunity to learn more about yourself through your relations with those who are closest to you (not your children—your partners or close friends).

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Try to get a lot done while you have a urge to get organized. It won't always be easy. These feelings come and go, but that's all you need.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Right now you feel a strong need to put yourself first. Actually, there's nothing wrong with this. If you don't take care of yourself, you'll be of no use to anyone.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** Home and family issues are No. 1 in your life right now. Discussions with parents are particularly significant. (Do what you can.)

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** You're definitely in the limelight now. People notice you for whatever reason. Because of this, make an extra effort to look your best each day. (You won't regret it.)

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4 Nobel winning biochemist
5 Wading bird
6 Hebrew month
7 Rhizome
8 January in Leon
9 Runner-up
10 Unit of length
11 Swear
12 Type of bean
13 Spot
21 Secretary of War Root
22 Mr. T's group
25 London carpenter's joint
26 "Over There" composer
27 Stagnant
29 Chinese secret society
30 Standish's messenger
32 Surfeit
33 Demolishes
34 Related on mother's side
35 Glacial ridge
37 On the ocean
39 Musical sound
42 Small antelope
43 Wild
48 Sudden thrusts
50 Trucker's fuel
53 Expertise
55 Massacre in Vietnam, 1968
56 Newcastle's river
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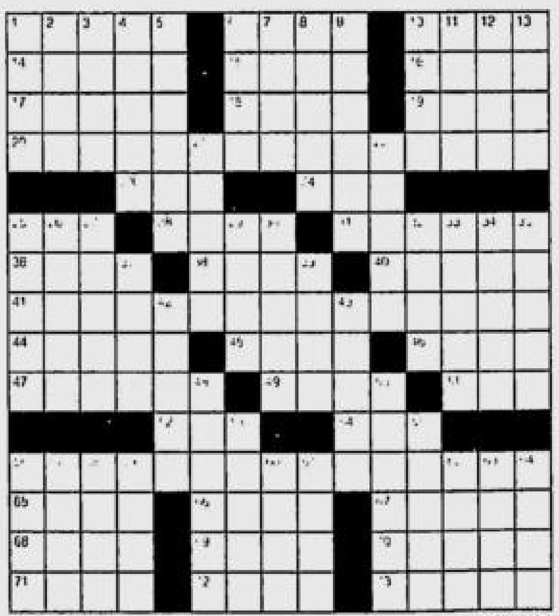

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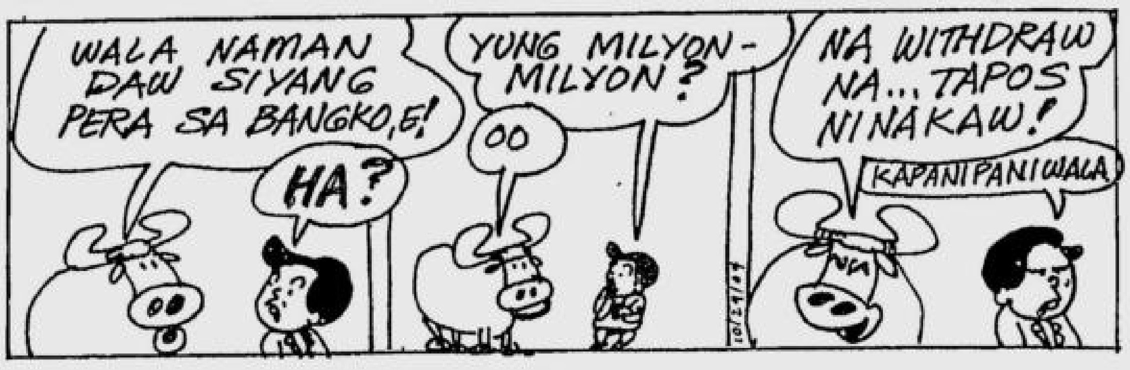
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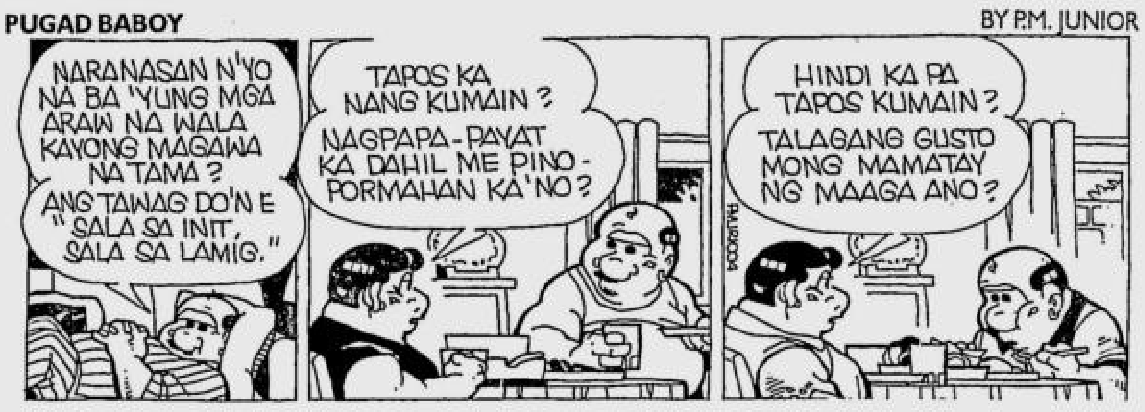
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TAPOS KA NANG KUMAIN?
NAGPAPA-PAYAT KA DAHIL ME PINO-PORMAHAN KA'NO?
HINDI KA PA TAPOS KUMAIN?
TALAGANG GUSTO MONG MAMATAY NG MAAGA ANO?

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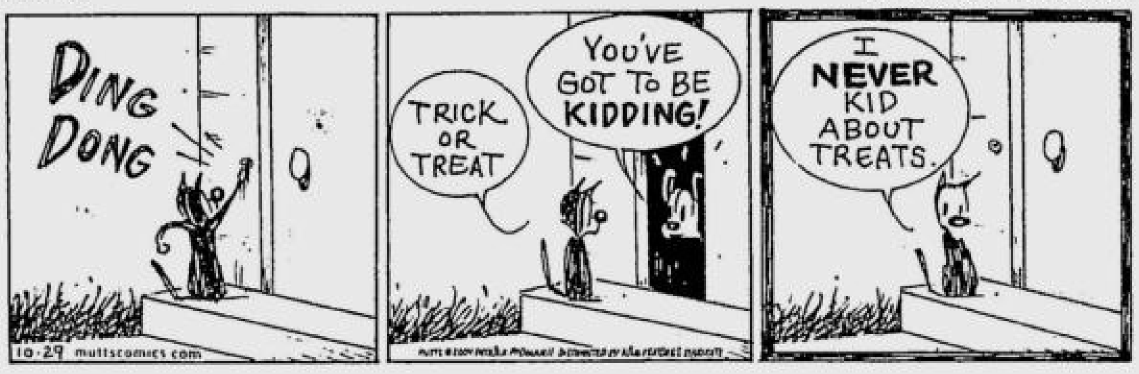
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TRICK OR TREAT
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
I NEVER KID ABOUT TREATS.
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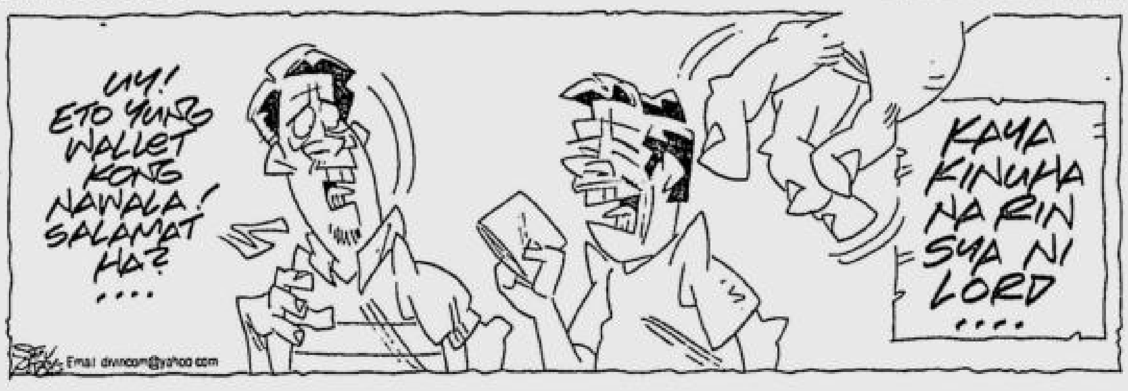
UY! ETO YUNG WALLET KONG NAWALA! SALAMAT HA? ....
KAYA KINUHA NA RIN SYA NI LORD ....
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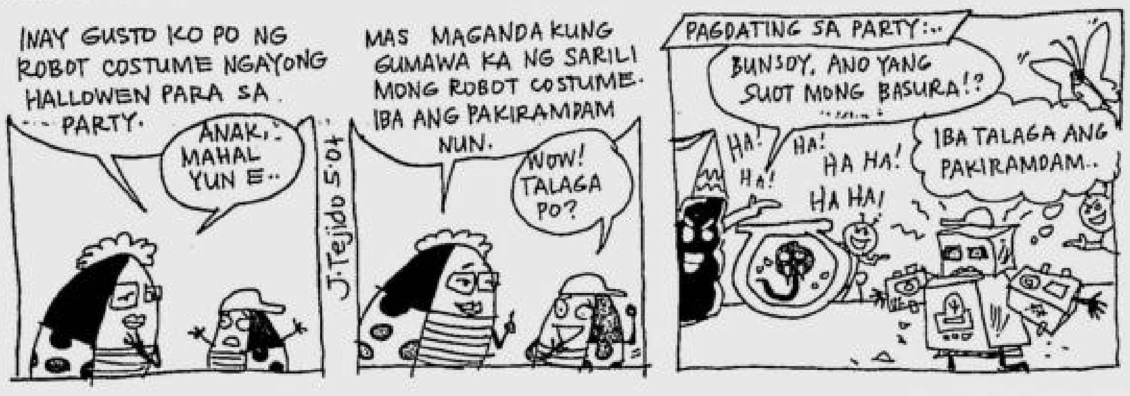
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ANAK, MAHAL YUN E..
J. Tejido 5.04
MAS MAGANDA KUNG GUMAWA KA NG SARILI MONG ROBOT COSTUME. IBA ANG PAKIRAMDAM NUN.
WOW! TALAGA PO?
PAGDATING SA PARTY:..
BUNSOY, ANO YANG SUOT MONG BASURA!?
HA! HA! HA! HA HA! HA HA!
IBA TALAGA ANG PAKIRAMDAM..

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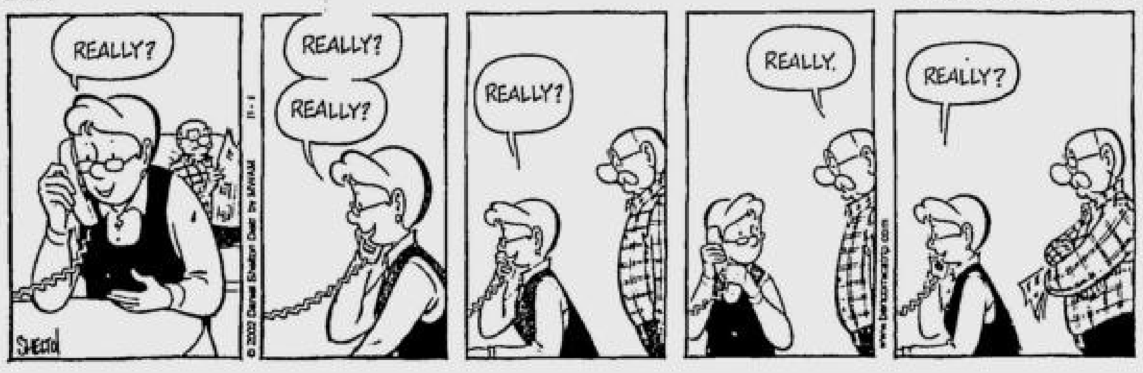
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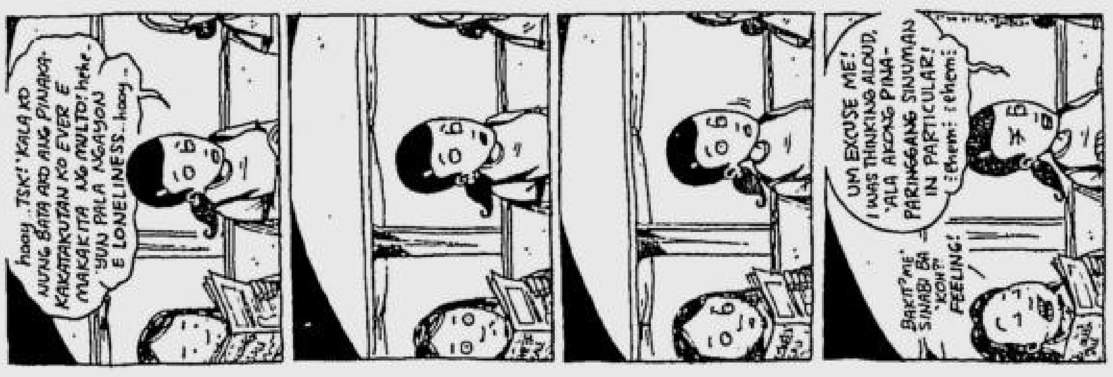
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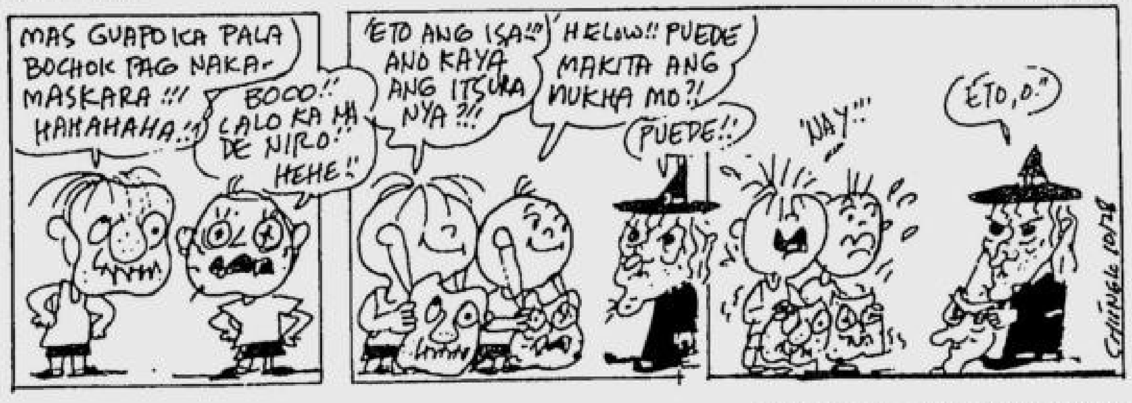
UM EXCUSE ME! I WAS THINKING ALOUD, 'ALA AKONG PINA-PARINGGANG SINUMAN IN PARTICULAR! ;ehem! ;ehem!
BAKIT? ME SINABI BA 'KO?! FEELING!

### LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


MAS GUAPO KA PALA BOCHOK PAG NAKA-MASKARA!!! HAHAHAHA!!
BOOO!! LALO KA NA DE NIRO!! HEHE!!
'ETO ANG ISA!! ANO KAYA ANG ITSURA NYA?!!
HELLOW!! PUEDE MAKITA ANG MUKHA MO?!
PUEDE!!
'NAY!!
'ETO, O."
CHIONGLO 10/28

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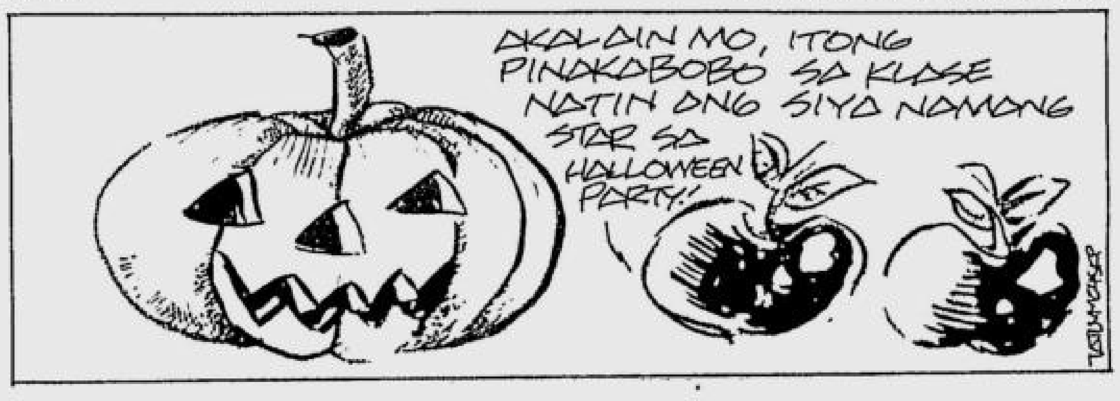
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


AKALAIN MO, ITONG PINAKABOBO SA KLASE NATIN ANG SIYA NAMANG STAR SA HALLOWEEN PARTY!

# Fighting aging from within

From page E1

age and shorten our lives.

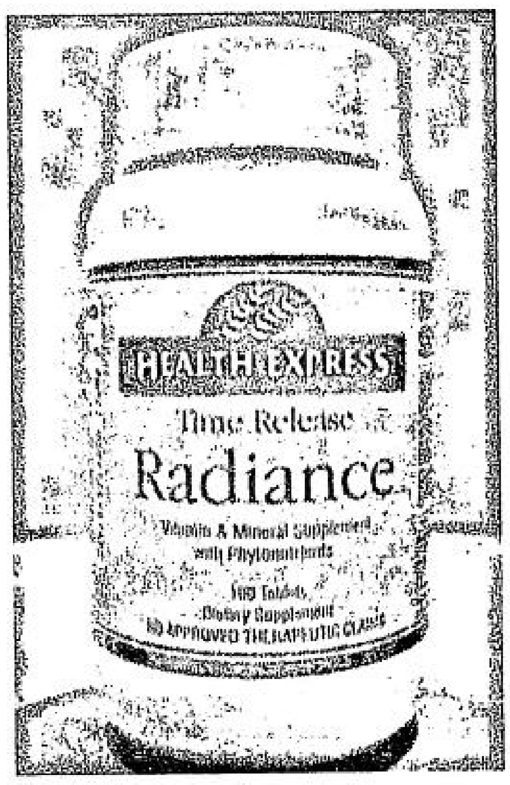
I noticed the yellow tinge in my skin fade to a lighter, brighter shade from head to toe. The effect is similar to that of Glutathione.

**Coenzyme Q10**, P1,500: Fights wrinkles from the inside, enhances brain power, gives more energy and aids in weight loss.

**HE Gingko Biloba**, P320: My memory has improved so much since taking these. I can concentrate better, absorb more information and have definitely become more alert. The product enhances blood circulation in the arms, legs and brain.

**Melatonin 3 mg**, P240: It has cured my bad sleeping habits, letting me sleep faster and better at night. I wake up feeling alert and hangover-free the next day.

This is the cheapest product of this kind that I have found. I realized that HE repacked the same brand I used to order in the States called Nature's Bounty, so it came out cheaper.



**RADIANCE** vitamin supplements

**Zinc 50 mg**, P200: Helps acne heal faster. It has made my hair thicker, which my hairdresser also noticed. Men would be interested to know that, not only does it protect against colds and other diseases, but is also said to help prevent prostate cancer and increase sperm count. For menopausal women, **Co Q10** is a must.

## Other helpful products

**Evening Primrose Oil**, P300, helps relieve hot flashes and reduce high blood pressure. It also aids in weight loss. **Calcium 600 plus Vitamin D** guards against osteoporosis or brittle bones, and keep the teeth strong.

**Alfalfa**, P140, acts as a diuretic, lowers cholesterol and balances blood sugar and hormones. It is supposed to be good for anemia, arthritis, ulcers and bleeding-related disorders.

Favorite products that are not HE-labeled: **Lifetime Phase 2 Carb Control**, P1,440—HE is the only one that carries this. I wish it would buy this in bulk and put its name on it so it would be cheaper. I can stick to my Atkins/South Beach diet better, as the product keeps carbohydrates from being absorbed by the body for two hours after food consumption.

**CiderTrim 1,000 mg**, P800—Apple cider vinegar tablets that help metabolize fat, sugar and carbohydrates as well as suppress appetite. They are also a natural diuretic that help reduce bloating. The HE alternative is the **KLB6 Grapefruit diet tablets** that also help regulate the thyroid gland to speed up metabolism.

Thanks to my new preoccupation with the tie-up between health and beauty, I have added Health Express to my list of favorite beauty hangouts after Essenses, Rustan's Cosmetics floor, PCX and Beauty Bar.

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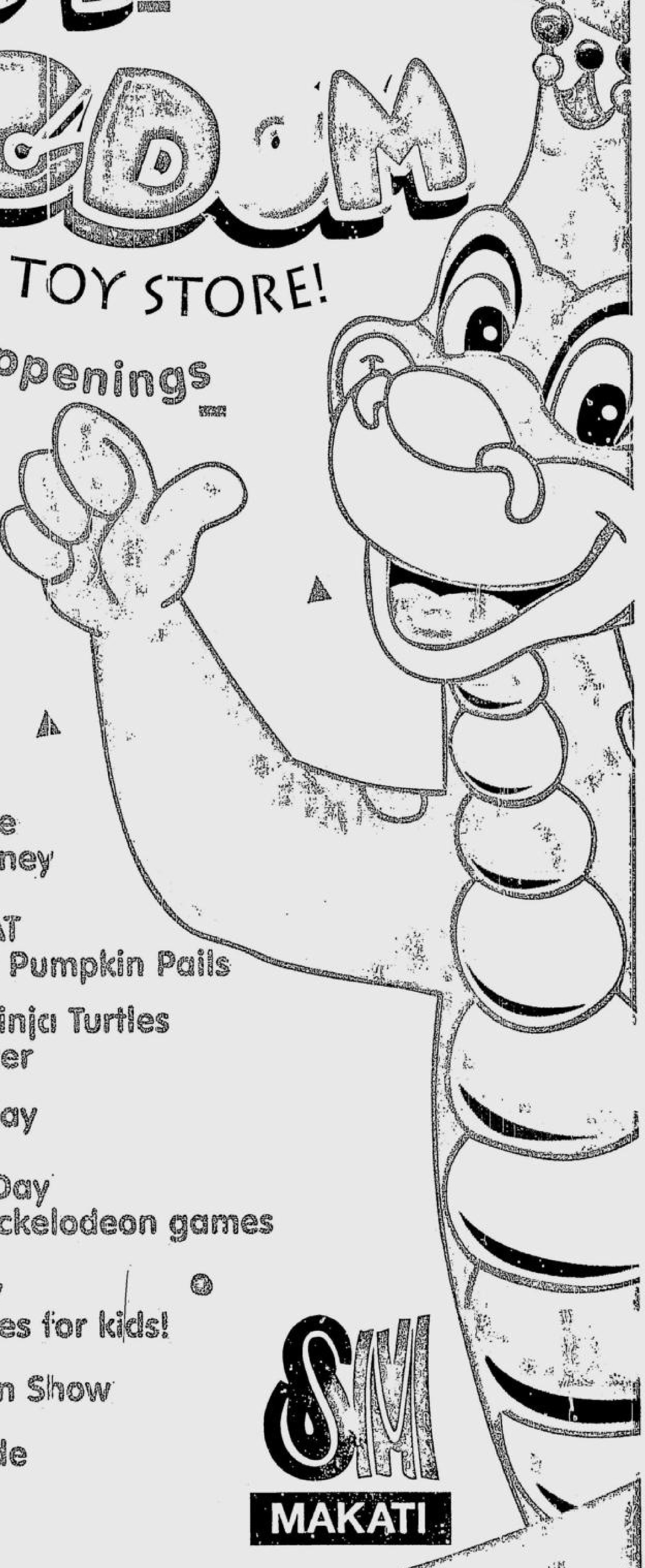

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**Oct 30** Bratz Fashion Day

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**Nov 6** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
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**Nov 7** Super YOYO Play Day

**Nov 13** Nickelodeon Kids Day
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## Microsoft and Swatch team up to offer new wireless data watches

**BILL Gates (right), Microsoft chair and chief software architect, and Nick Hayek Jr., Swatch Group CEO, along with actress Mischa Barton, show the new watch line called "Paparazzi."** REUTERS

# Dick Tracy, is that you?

NEW YORK—Microsoft Corp. and watchmaker Swatch are offering a new line of wireless data watches, the companies said recently, bringing the era of Dick Tracy wristwatch radios one step closer.

The watches offer news, sports, weather and stock quotes, among other snippets of content, via Microsoft's MSN Direct wireless data service. Twice the number of information channels of earlier Microsoft-based models are available.

Known as the Paparazzi line, the computerized Swatches also offer local entertainment updates through a deal with publisher Time Out, as well as a chance to meet celebrities.

The watches come with three levels of service. Each comes free with local weather, news headlines and stock index levels.

For $40 a year, users can receive more weather data, personalized news and sports scores, stock quotes, horoscopes and the like. For $60 annually, they can receive instant messages and calendar reminders from their PC if they use Microsoft Outlook software.

Microsoft and Swatch began work on watches three years ago.

"This is a new way of getting information," Bill Gates, Microsoft's chair and chief software architect, told a news conference.

"It's glanceable information and it's a combination of the two things I think people really care about—fashion, something that's fun and exciting, and technology that brings them personal information," he said.

Paparazzis retail for $150, or two to three times the cost of conventional watches sold by the Swiss watch maker.

With the addition of Swatch, there will now be 12 Microsoft "wrist-top" watch models on sale for the holiday season. The first such watches were introduced at the start of this year.

Other manufacturers include the youth-oriented watchmaker Fossil, Finnish sports-gear maker Suunto and luxury brand Tissot, another Swatch Group brand.

The existing watches range in price from $129 for a Fossil to $725 for a Tissot. All of the watches are bulky and masculine, a function of the need to embed a wireless antenna in the watch body or wristband.

The watches utilize unused local FM radio channels to broadcast general content as well as personalized scheduling information to watches. Messages can also be delivered to the watches using Microsoft Messenger instant-messaging software.

True two-way phone features like those used by Tracy, the iconic US cartoon detective, would require stronger batteries and smaller chips than are now economical.

Newer models of the Microsoft watches are thinner and more stylish than the first versions of the computerized watches introduced a year ago. Microsoft has also overcome congestion problems that hampered wireless data delivery in the first few months of operation, a spokesperson said.

The watches are sold only in the United States and Canada so far, although the parties are eyeing European markets. *Reuters*

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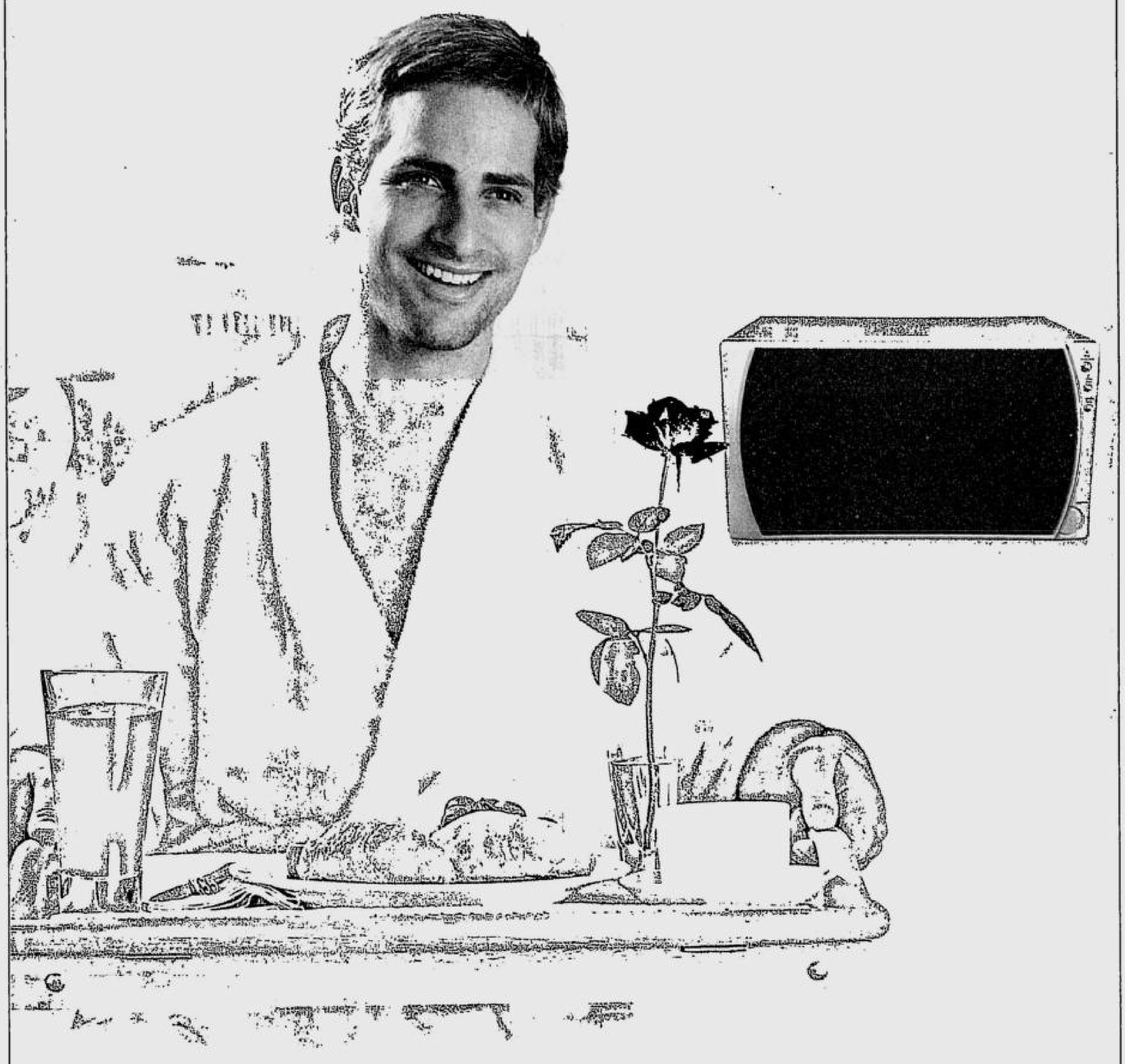

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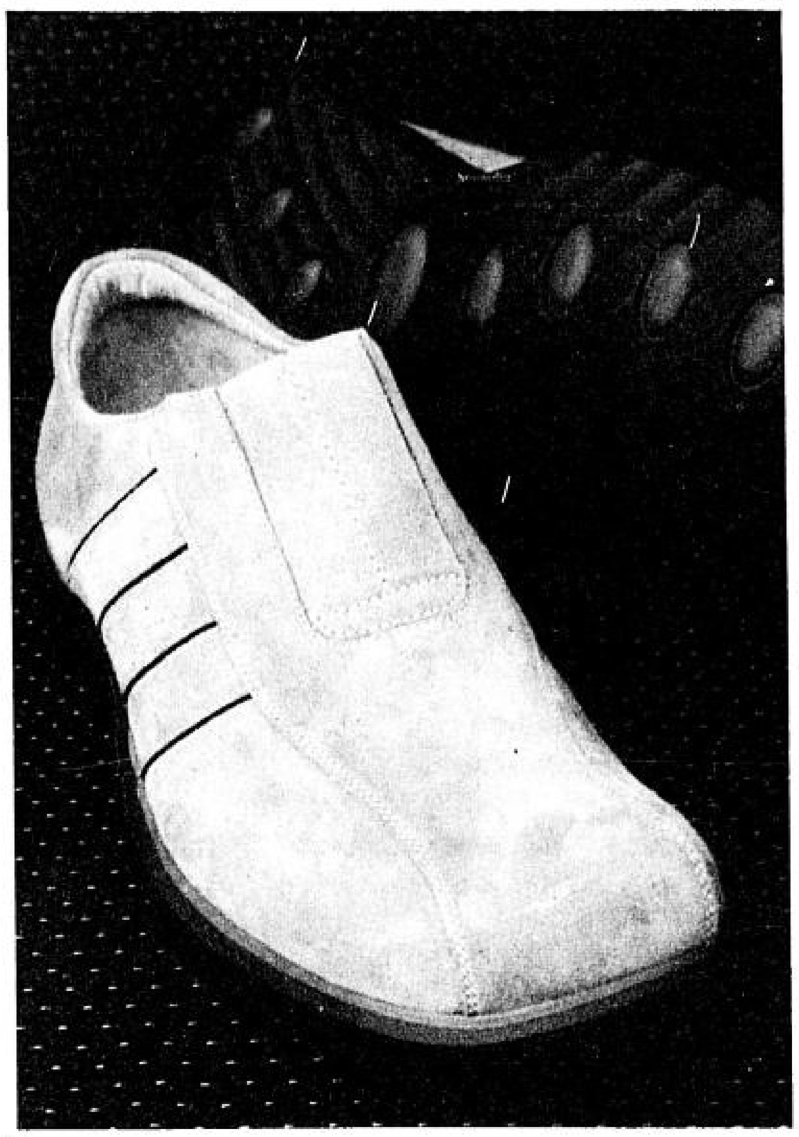

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# A classic goes footloose

By Gibbs Cadiz

"AS you can see, we are now a young man's brand, with shoes in more contemporary styles and colors—but without sacrificing the comfort, quality and style people have come to associate with Florsheim."

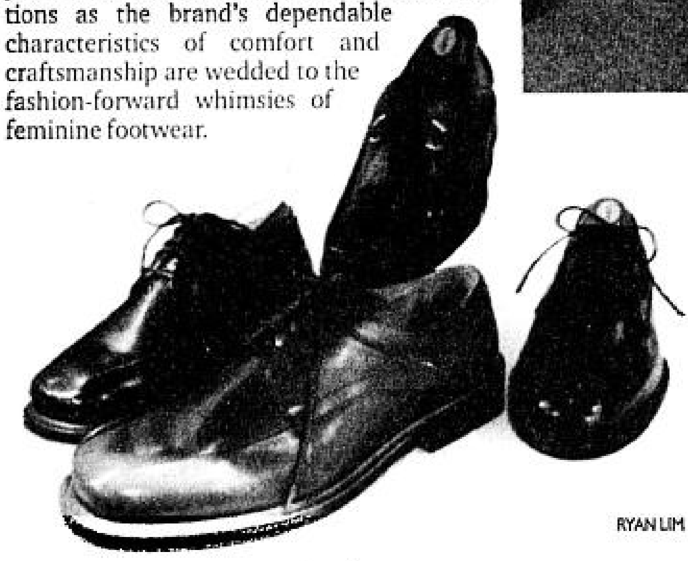
John Plummer, VP for Florsheim Asia Pacific, spoke thus during the launching of Florsheim's Fall collection at its flagship store in Glorietta 4 recently.

The venerable brand, which counts over 150 stores worldwide, has had to reinvent itself to keep up with the changing needs of the market. For over a century, the house has produced men's fine footwear noted for their classic styles and sturdy workmanship. They were the shoes our fathers and grandfathers grew up with, and over time, that prestige translated into one of the world's best-selling names for top-notch men's shoes.

This time, Florsheim is shaking loose its reputation for staid classicism with a new collection that offers shoes in more modern cuts and colors. The new line has tinted leathers, rubber outsoles, snazzy stitching, patchworks and lots of lace-ups. The result is a fresh and edgy look for the brand.

Florsheim is even branching out into women's shoes, with a formal launch slated next year. Watch out for even more striking selections as the brand's dependable characteristics of comfort and craftsmanship are wedded to the fashion-forward whimsies of feminine footwear.

JOHN Plummer, VP for Florsheim Asia Pacific (third from left), with models wearing the brand's Fall collection RYAN LIM



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Florsheim reinvents itself with men's shoes that cater to a younger market

BAKER (upper left), Bacon (lower right)

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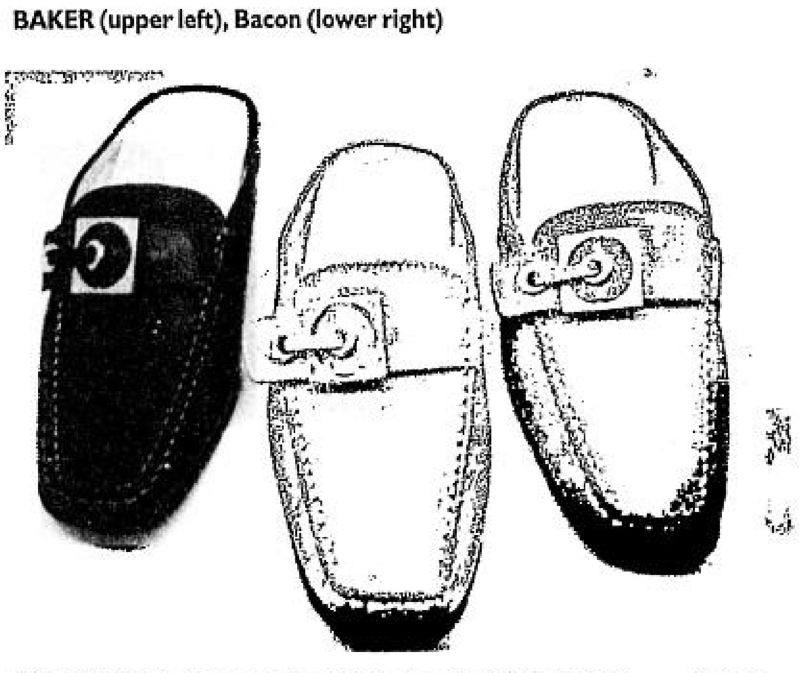
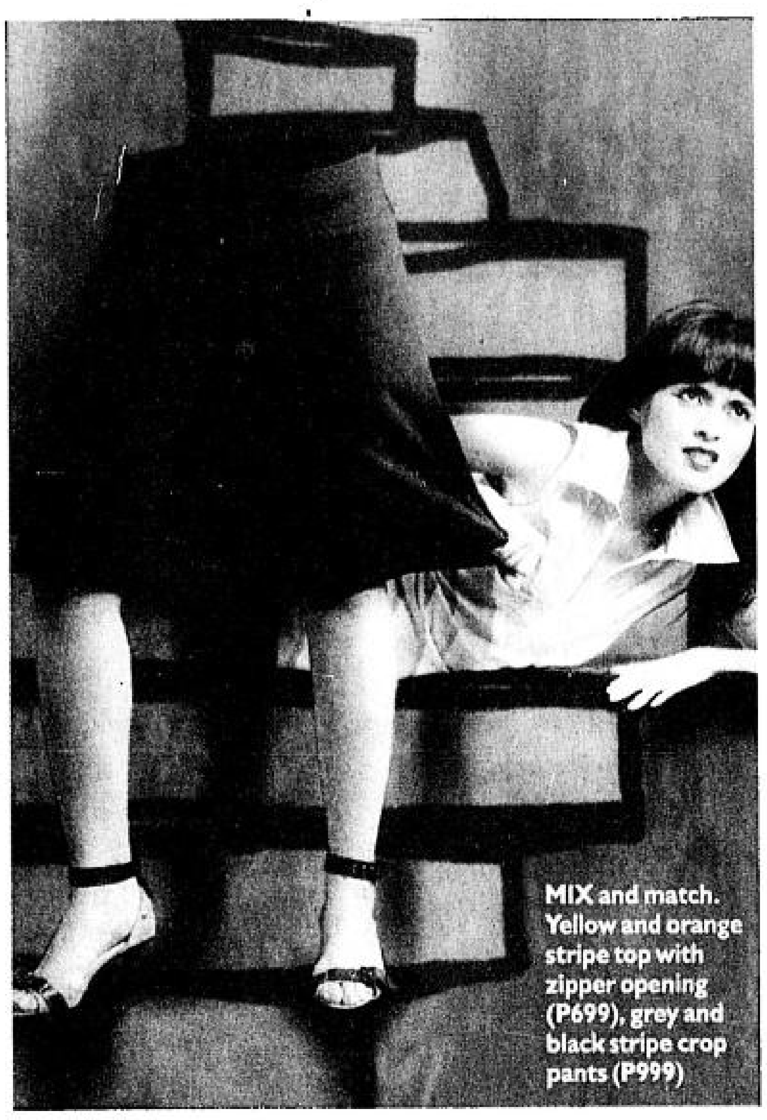
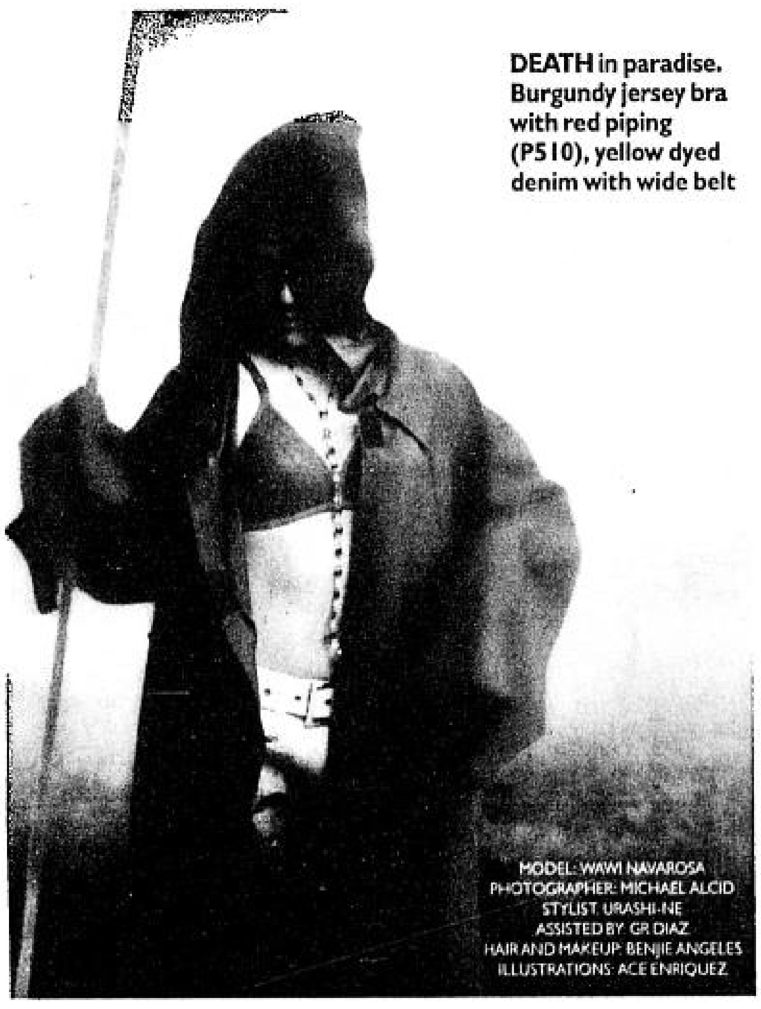


FLORSHEIM is also branching out into women's footwear. RYAN LIM



**MIX** and match. Yellow and orange stripe top with zipper opening (P699), grey and black stripe crop pants (P999)



**DEATH** in paradise. Burgundy jersey bra with red piping (P510), yellow dyed denim with wide belt

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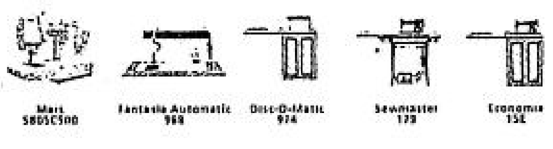
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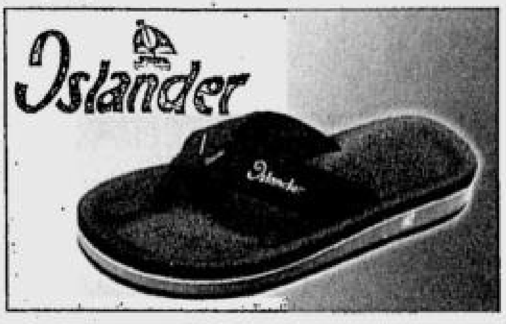
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# Male vanity comes of age

From anti-wrinkle creams to eyeliner, beauty products for men are gaining a foothold in the market

**ANTON Gonzalez no longer uses products for her.**

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao-Punzalan

ANTON Gonzalez, president of Planet Sports Inc., easily spends around P3,000-P5,000 a month on skin-care and grooming products. He won't have to spend as much, he admits, if he limits his needs to plain soap and water. But like a growing number of other men these days, he considers pampering himself as a form of investment.

"It's just like buying toothpaste and toothbrush," says Gonzalez. "I don't mind spending more as long as I see and feel the difference. It's an investment in aging properly."

Gonzalez's products of choice these days are Shiseido men's line and Zirh, an American brand that exclusively addresses men's needs from head to toe, which he buys at My Beauty Hub. There was a time, however, when the former makeup executive settled for products made for women. No, it's not what you think.

Since the market didn't offer men a variety of options a decade ago, Gonzalez had to use Shiseido's complete skincare line for women. He was familiar with the products because he used to oversee their distribution locally. He has hardly used soap and water on his face ever since.

"There's really a big difference," he says, comparing premium skin-care brands to ordinary soap and water.

But it goes beyond vanity, as men like Gonzalez often find themselves under the sun for extended periods of time, especially during weekend games of golf. He has found the ideal sunblock lotion in Shiseido.

## Sensitive skin

Gil Coscolluela had a different problem. After years of trying mid-priced over-the-counter brands, he finally found Zirh's skincare and shaving line. The architect, who designed the boutique-style interiors of My Beauty Hub, has "sensitive" skin.

"Shaving used to be an unpleasant experience," says Coscolluela, who shells out P5,000 every three months to look and feel good, "as I often had breakouts a day or two after. That became a thing of the past after I found the right products."

Aside from Shiseido and Zirh, My Beauty Hub also exclusively carries Nickel, Phytomer Homme and "male" makeup by Jean Paul Gaultier and Terry de Gunzburg.

Of course, beauty products for women still dominate My Beauty Hub's neat, well-stocked

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**POWER** families. Henry Sy Sr. (fourth from left), Hans Sy and Teresita Sy Coson of SM with Jaime Zobel de Ayala (sixth from left), Beatrice Zobel de Ayala, Fernando Zobel de Ayala and Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala (extreme right) of Ayala Corp. and Maxine Cacho (seventh from left) of Fiesta Greetings Corp.

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# Night of dazzle and dash where East meets West

**HERBERT** Sy with wife Shelly flank James de Vuvier.

**INQUIRER** president Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, Carol Sy, Tessa Prieto-Valdes and Jerry Tiu of Tagaytay Highlands

**SM** designers Lulu Tan-Gan (left) and Jeannie Goulbourn (third from left) with Mary Meyssan and Liza Morandi

THE LAUNCHING of the new SM Makati store at the Ayala Center recently gave guests a first glimpse of the newly renovated 93,000-sq m store and its design using clean, contemporary and sophisticated elements.

Because of its size and impact, the new SM Makati store stands to-date as SM's flagship store. A grand concourse to the MRT divides the store into two wings: the East, which is the fashion area, and the West, which includes the shoes and bags, children's sections, as well as the home and supermarket areas.

In keeping with the store relaunching's masquerade ball theme, mimes, live mannequins and ballerinas greeted guests as they walked on the luxe red carpet.

Hosts Tim Yap and Tessa Prieto-Valdes auctioned off specially designed masks for charity. Top artists Malang, Manny Baldemor and Soler; fashion designer Cesar Gaupo; food divas Gaita Fores and Heny Sison; SM image model Charlene Gonzales; "it" girl Celine Lopez, and party partners Tim and Tessa donated the personally designed masks for a good cause.

After the auction, which raised more than P2,000,000 for the Jose Fabella Hospital through the SM Foundation, SM president Tessie Sy-Coson welcomed the guests to the new SM store together with her family—dad Henry Sy Sr., SM founder and chair, mom Felicidad Sy, and brothers Hans, Henry Jr. and Herbert.

Indoor pyros and a play of lights served as the intro to a high tech audio visual presentation of the new upscale store. Charlene Gonzales then led the ceremonial toast that signaled the opening of the new SM Makati.

Guests included House Speaker Jose de Venecia and wife Gina, members of the Zobel de Ayala family—patriarch Jaime and wife Beatrice with sons Fernando and Jaime Augusto; Louie Locsin, wife of Makati Rep. Teddy Boy Locsin; and Baby Arenas.

Business bigwigs Socorro Ramos of National Book Store, BPI president Aurelio Montinola III, Boy Martirez of Smart, Ben Chan of Bench, Anton Huang of Store Specialists, Inc., Wilfred Sy of Jag Pacific; and Ernie Lopez of ABS-CBN Publishing. Maxine Cacho of Fiesta Greeting Corporation, Ricky Ilacad of Warner Music, and David Charlton of David's Salon also graced the affair.

The designing group was represented by Cesar Gaupo, Jeannie Goulbourn, Lulu Tan-Gan, Efren Ocampo, Mike de la Rosa and Anthony Nocom, as well as Jojie Lloren, Randy Ortiz, and Figla's Joey Enriquez.

Heartthrobs Troy Montero and Marc Nelson, as well as young idols Jericho Rosales, Lucky Manzano, Cogie Domingo, Amanda Griffin and Rica Peralejo, were also spotted enjoying the evening.

SM Makati is located at Ayala Center, Makati.

**HENY** Sison's Strawberry Cake mask modeled by Raya Mananquil

**MODEL** Nicolette Bell shows a Tessa Prieto-Valdes mask included in the auction.

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**SOCORRO** Ramos of National Book Store, Henry Sy Sr. and House Speaker Jose de Venecia

**TESSA** Prieto-Valdes and Tim Yap host the auction.

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# Halloween activities for kids

## GOINGS ON

DROP by Sta. Lucia East Mall's The Brick Road today and get a big scare in the Spook & Scare costume contest. Over P50,000 worth of cash, gift certificates and other exciting prizes await the spookiest, scariest Philippine folklore character costume. Kids 12 years old and below can join the "Treats a Plenty," a trick-or-treat event on Oct. 30. Purchase your pumpkin pails at Sta. Lucia East Department Store and Planet Toys to join the fun. The first 250 kids to register will automatically receive treats before the parade and will be qualified to join the costume contest. Call 6815401.

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**CONCERT.** Closing the month-long focus on Univesity of Santo Tomas talents in Paco Park Presents today is UST Liturgikon, with Jilbert Chua conducting. Pianist Elisanta Cortes is assisting artist. Admission is free.

**ANNIVERSARIES.** On Oct. 31, 5 p.m., Banda Malabon Pula No. 2 celebrates its 52nd anniversary and formally closes the October presentation of Concert at the Park with a program titled "Delightfully Symphonic." Admission is free.

Club Bulakeño will celebrate its 16th anniversary on Nov. 13. A ball will be held at the Grand Ballroom of Westin Philippine Plaza.

**PARTY.** Bykes Café and Dance Studio presents a show and costume party dubbed Retro Halloween on Oct. 30. Bykes Café is at La Fuerza Building II, 2241 Chino Roces Ave., San Lorenzo Village, Makati. Call 7500622 to 23.

**DANCE-CONCERT.** Motown in Motion dance-concert party will be held on Nov. 17 at NBC Tent, The Fort. Call 8166601.

**RACE.** Streetpark Productions Inc. is holding a new Tare (The Amazing Racer Experience) race this October and it's open for registration. A one-day race is set on Oct. 30. Interested parties get an introductory discount on registration fee. Call 4368882 or 4368883.

**FESTIVAL.** The Ibalong Festival is ongoing until Oct. 31 in Legazpi City, Albay. Call 5360496 or 5251805.

**NOVENA.** The Prayer Warriors of the Holy Souls will hold novena prayers starting Nov. 2, 9:45 a.m., at Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene, Quiapo, Manila. An Advent recollection is set on Nov. 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Manila Seedling Bank, Edsa corner Quezon Avenue. Call 5310394 or 5312157.

**WORKSHOP.** A workshop on digital photography will be held on Nov. 4-6 at Comfoods Building, Gil Puyat corner Chino Roces Avenue, Makati. Call 8137420 or 8435341.

**COURSE.** Businessmaker Academy offers a course on "Guide to Starting and Developing Your Own Accounting Practice" on Nov. 6 and 13. Call 6874445.

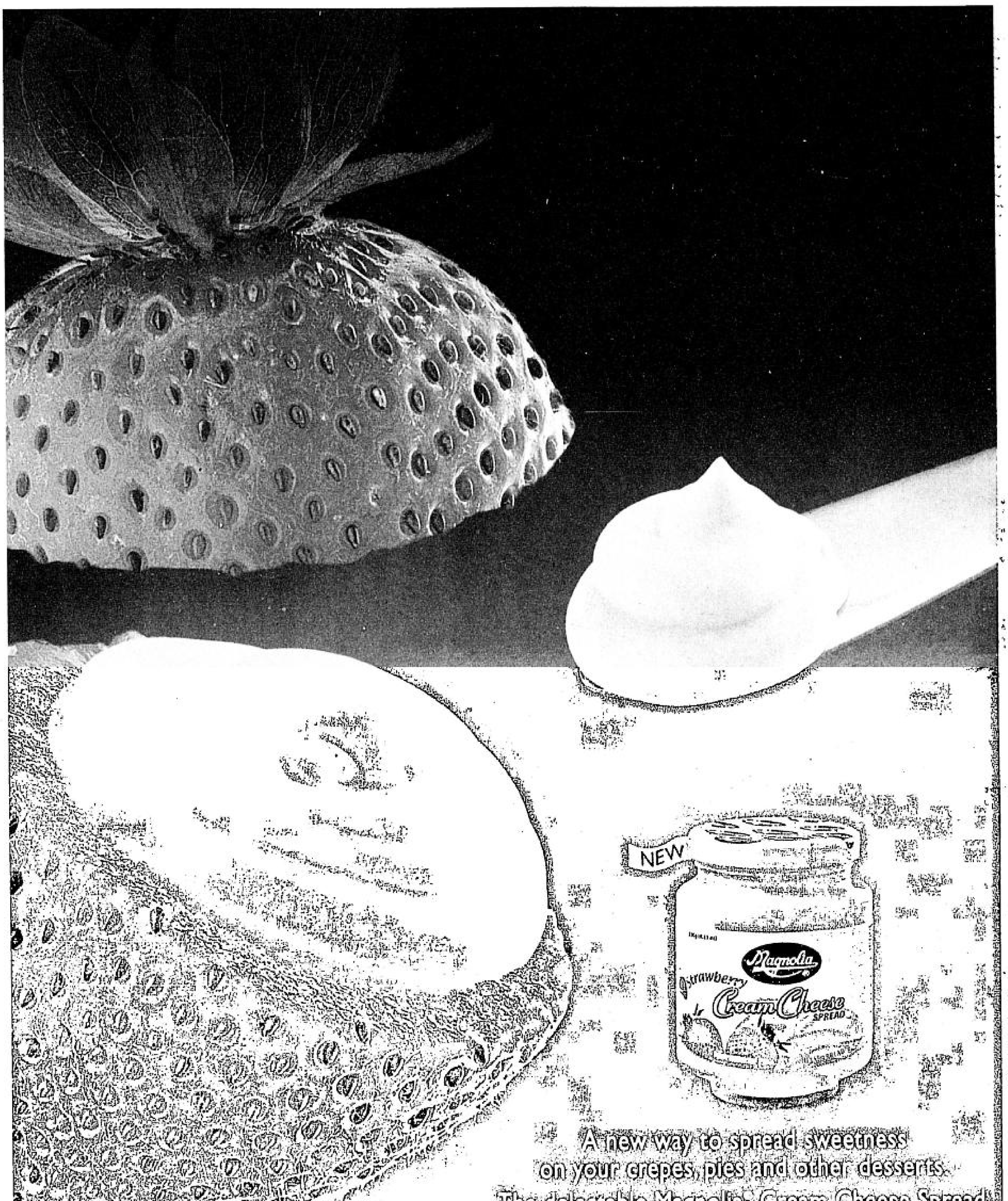
**AUDITIONS.** An international casting team will be in Manila on Nov. 17 and 18 to audition qualified applicants for full-time entertainment performers in a new theme park in Asia slated to open in 2005. The team is in search of musicians and vocalists. Deadline for enrollment is on Nov. 5. Call 6323769.

**LECTURE.** The Japan Foundation, Manila will sponsor a lecture/research presentation on Nov. 5, 5-9 p.m., and Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 8116155 to 58.

**SALE.** The Philippine Gifts, Toys, Houseware, Xmas Decor and Shopping Mart is ongoing until Nov. 7 at Greenhills Shopping Complex.

**BAZAAR.** The Zonta Club of Manila I will hold the 6th Zonta Manila Int'l. Bazaar on Nov. 7 at Hotel Inter-Continental, Grand Ballroom, Bel-Air and Forbes rooms. The bazaar will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Call 6316686 or 6377926.

**FUND-RAISING/BAZAAR.** The "Best Gifts for Christmas" fund-raising bazaar will be held Nov. 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., at Hotel Inter-Continental Manila's Grand Ballroom. Call 5249914 or 5221864.



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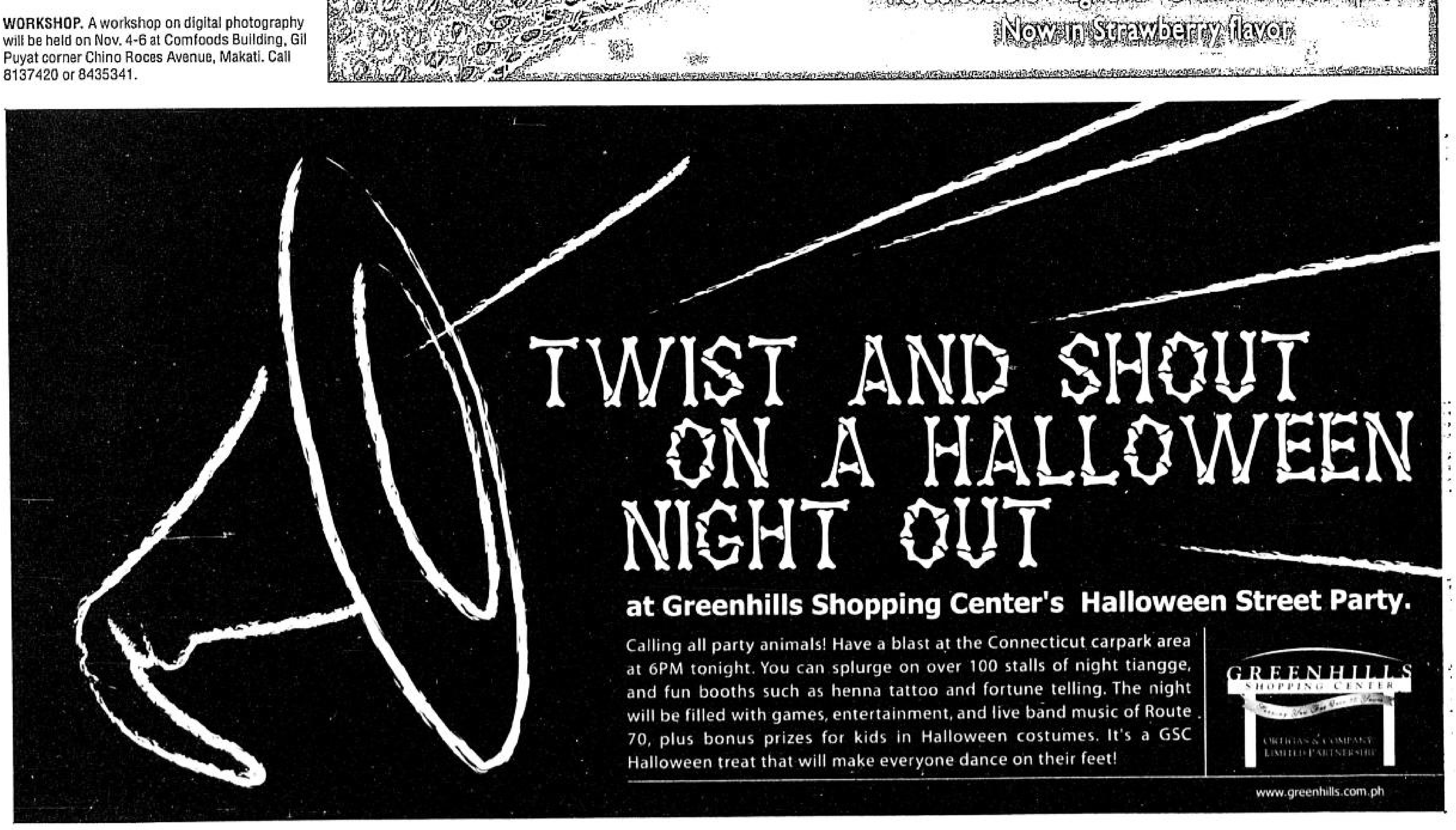

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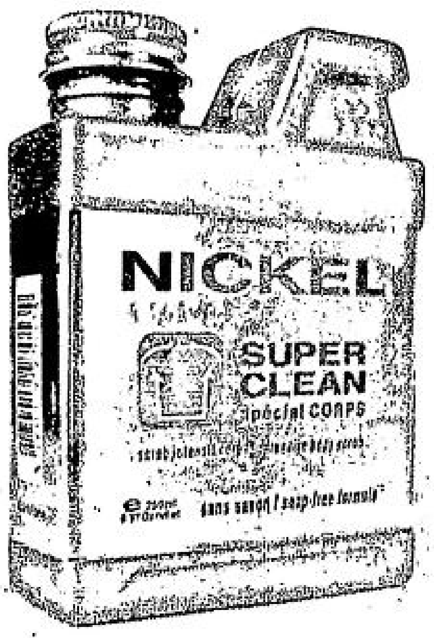

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shelves and movable counters. But close to 40 percent of the merchandise is now devoted to men, including lipsticks, concealers, bronzers and eyeliners.

Just like the Singapore store it was patterned after, My Beauty Hub conducts regular beauty clinics to educate consumers and, of course, fuel sales. One of its most recent workshops tackled skin care for men.

"Most women read up on beauty and know the science behind the brand," says Leona Ilagan, Luxasia's retail manager. "That isn't always the case among men. They need to be educated and encouraged, as most of them don't feel the need to pay close attention to their skin."

That's starting to change, and not just because of the growing number of vain, openly gay men, but also thanks partly to metrosexual icons like David Beckham. High-end brands such as Zirh and Shiseido, and more affordable ones like Nivea for Men, are now enjoying brisk sales.

## Recent trend

"Metrosexuals have been around, but the trend started to become more pronounced around two years ago," says Rica King, marketing manager of Beiersdorf Singapore Pte. Ltd., regional distributor of Nivea products. "In fact, we were among the last countries in the region to ride on the trend."

Ninety percent of 400 Filipino men Nivea interviewed still prefer soap and water to other forms of facial cleansers. But such a result goes beyond economics, as men the world over are mostly oblivious to the finer points of looking good.

This has prompted Nivea, which introduced its men's skin-care line in the Philippines several months ago, to repackage certain products to make them more appealing to men. Products for women, for instance, come in white boxes, while those for men come in cobalt blue.

What could, for instance, pass as an anti-wrinkle cream for women had to be called "revitalizing" cream for men. Never mind if both products have basically similar formulations and promise the same effects.

"Based on our studies," says King, "men in general don't want to be perceived as vain. That's why we had to repackage our products and come up with a line exclusively for them."

Men are also particular about a product's scent. They prefer a mild and "soothing" smell to one with a sweet floral one. While women dislike skin-care products that are "mentholated," most men welcome it.

## Bad practices

Like people at My Beauty Hub, King and her colleagues at Nivea have taken pains to correct consumers' commonly accepted but harmful practices in skin care.

Conventional wisdom, for instance, dictates that the best way to manage oily skin is via regular washing with soap and water. Some even resort to strong, alcohol-based astringents to keep the shine at bay. Bad idea.

King describes such practices as part of the "deadly cycle." Since soap and harsh astringents have a drying effect, they strip the skin of its so-called pH balance. That's not the end of it.

Stripping your skin of excess oil has an opposite effect. In no time at all, the brain will feel something is amiss with your skin and signal it to produce more oil. In short, the more you strip your skin of oil, the more it becomes oily.

"That's why we have an oil-regulating line," King adds. "The trick isn't to strip the face of oil, but to regulate it."

It seems Gonzalez and Coscolluela are right in junking soap and water in favor of more sophisticated and expensive skin cleansers. But are they brave enough to use makeup for men, especially if doing so will make them look like a brooding Johnny Depp?

"As long as it's not too obvious, why not?" says Gonzalez, "If the occasion calls for it, especially during evening functions, I don't see anything wrong."

"I'm not going to say no, but neither am I going to say yes," says Coscolluela. "I think they're good products, and if they work for you, then use them. I draw the line at lipstick and nail polish. The eyeliner is something I have to think about."

Eyeliner for daily use? Men have indeed come a long way from their soap-and-water days.

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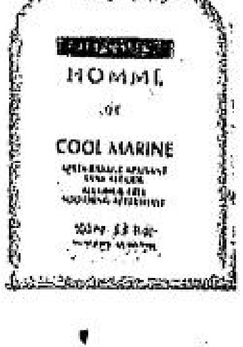

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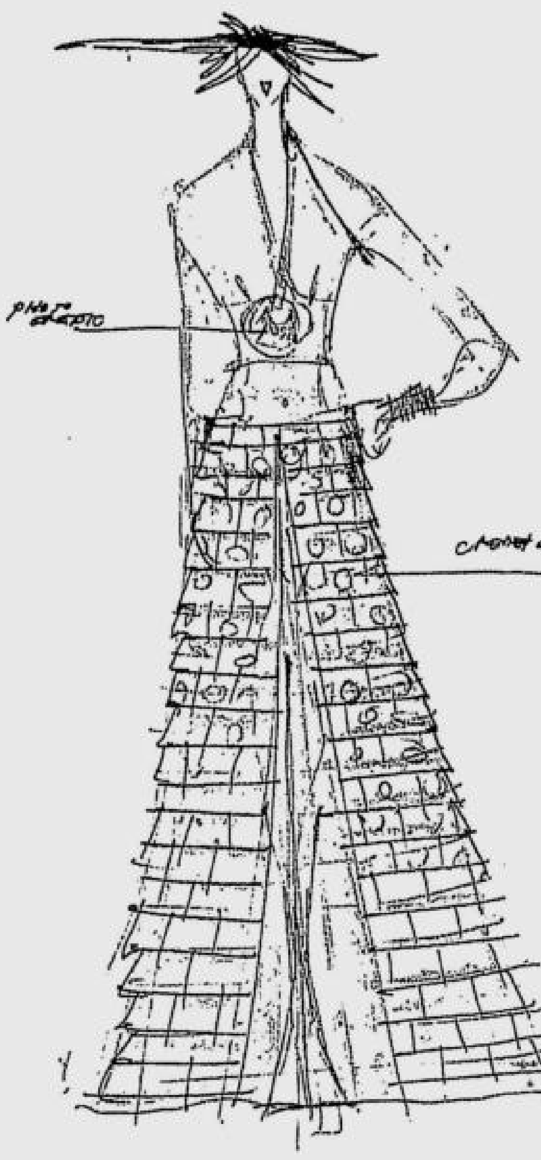

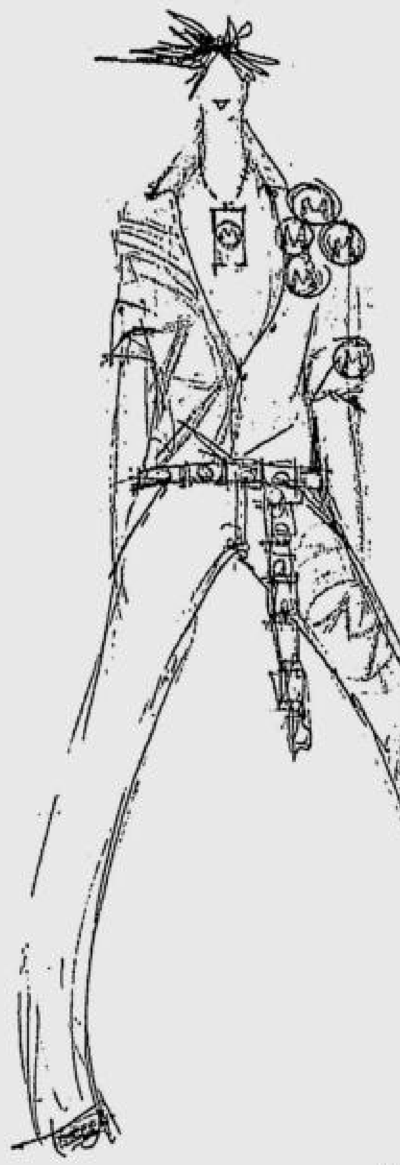

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# 'M' is for more

METROBANK, the largest bank in the country, shifts from its traditional approach to credit by launching 'M Here! today at the M Café in Greenbelt 4.

Aptly dubbed "'M Night," the event presents cutting-edge designer Avel Bacudio's contemporary ensembles made from Metrobank cards. Premier DJ Martin will be setting the beat and creating the vibe at what is designed to be a chic all-night get-together.

The newest symbol of Metrobank's exciting, dynamic, stylish and privilege-packed credit card brand, 'M Here promises more value, more presence and more purchasing power for its users.

Leveraging on its extensive branch network and massive depositor base, Metrobank also merges with one of Australia's largest banks, ANZ. The result? A much stronger and efficient credit system with exciting benefits, services and offerings.

"Metrobank credit cards feature a very competitive rewards program. We offer diverse premium items. We have very competitive installment and zero-interest programs," says Anne Marie Young, president of the Metrobank Card Corp.

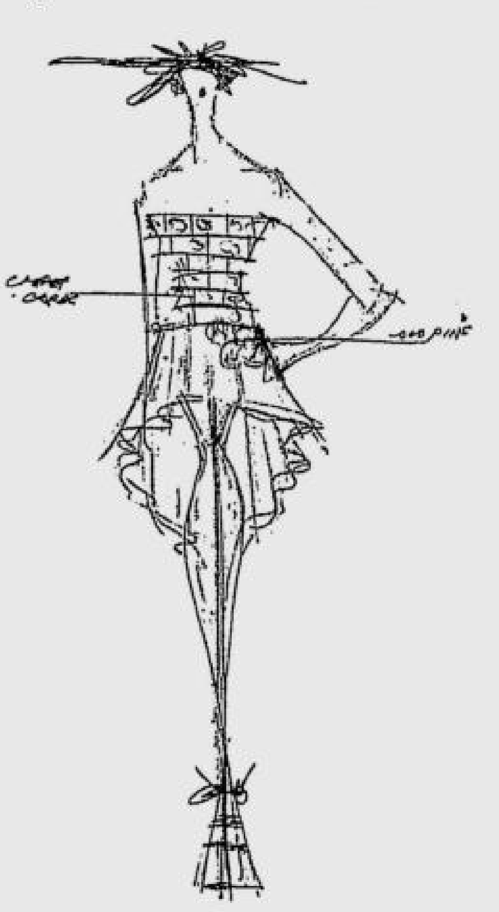
"We also have the Big Events Affordable Terms, which is a financing option for big expenditures. And an additional service is the Balance Transfer Program where existing receivables with other credit cards can be transferred to us with good rates."

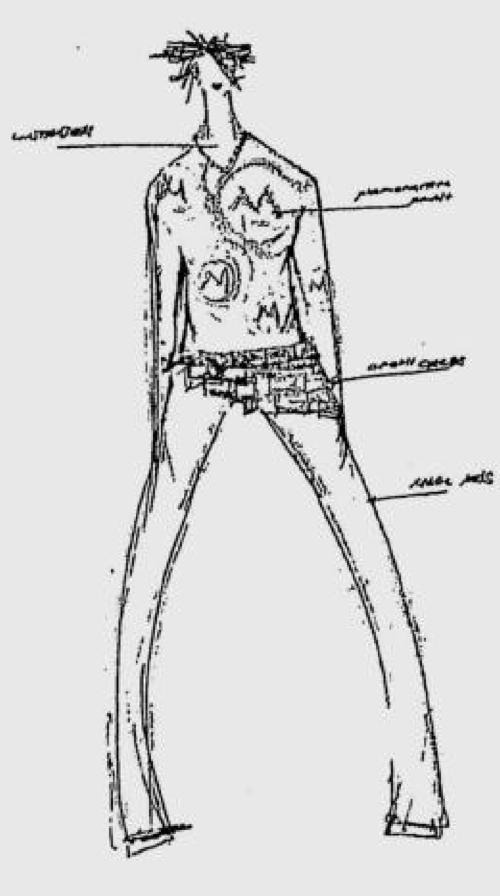
In keeping with the card's energized possibilities, Metrobank employs a new hip and fashionable icon suggestive of the spirit of this exciting new move.

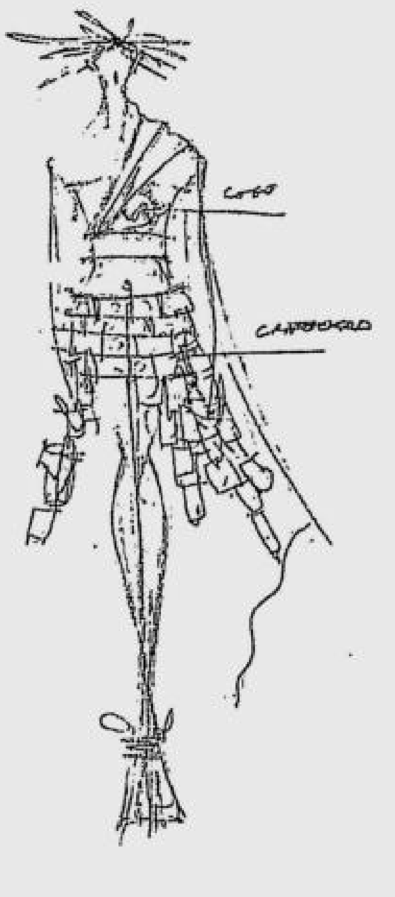
"The key is to be able to relate with the people who use the card," says Aloyssius Alday Jr., Metrobank's first vice president. "'M Here! is a fresh twist to Metrobank's reputation for credibility and stability at same time that it observes the principles of the bank."

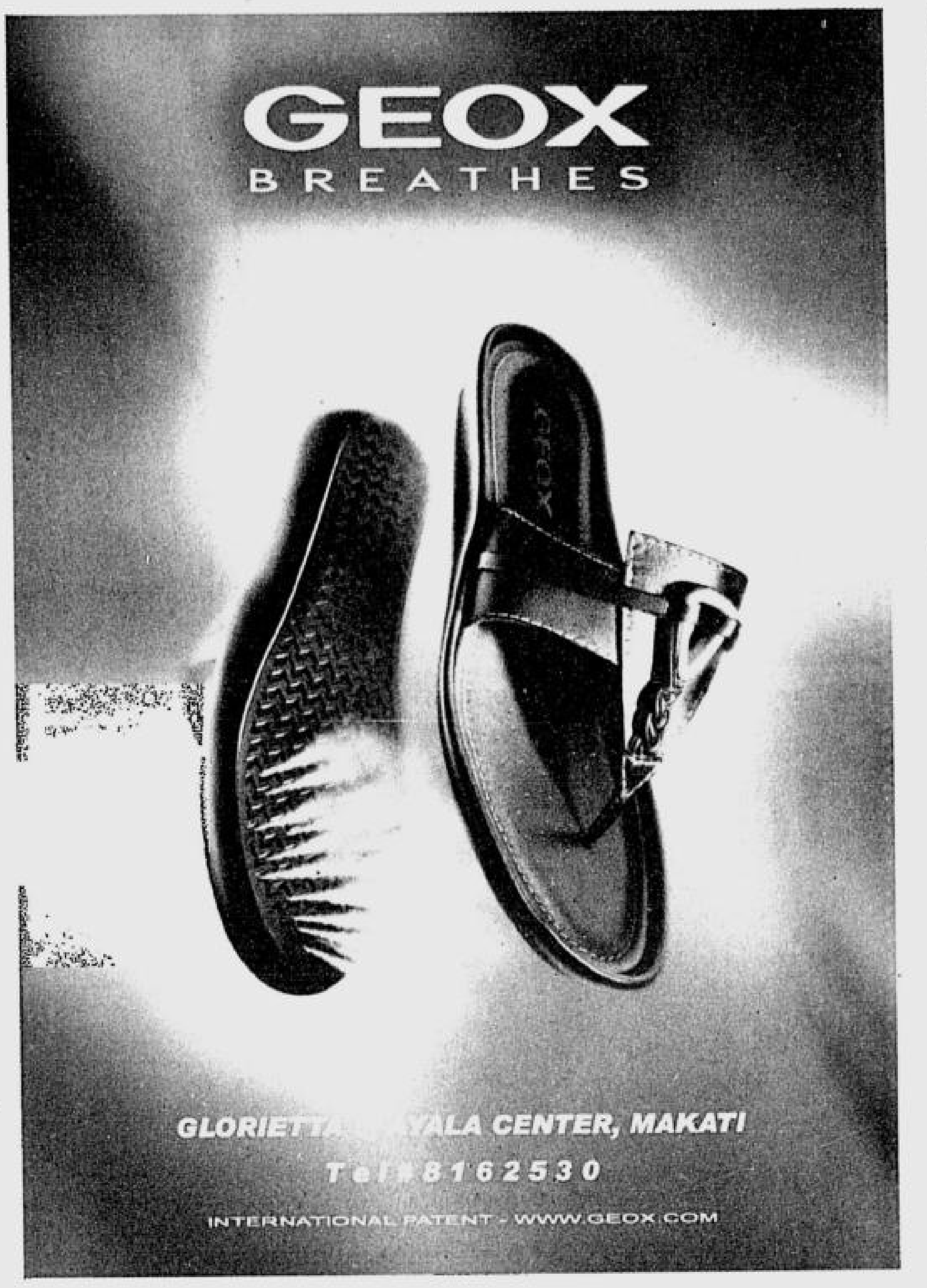
Metrobank cardholders can enjoy perks through 'M at the following establishments: Abenson, Aoyama Japanese Restaurant, Asian Finds, Automatic Center, BG's Barbeque Grille, Bistro 1900, Bistro Remedios, Bizu, Blims, Bubba Gump, Bykes Café, Café Adriatico, Café Havana, Casa Armas, Dulcinea, Finix, Ideal Vision, Italiannis, In The Mood, Les Lunette de Paris, Manong's, Mimi Salon, New Kamameshi House, NYPD, Outback, Plato Platina, Souk Gallery, Steltz, Sugi, Suriya Spa, Tavern On The Square, TGIF, The Spa, Una Mas, Via Mare Oyster, Western Marketing and Clarity Aesthetic Center.

Other participating establishments include Lancel, Neo Day Spa, Home & Beyond, Hue, Hai Shin Lou, Shoe & Co., Chicco, Twist, Lotus Hand and Foot Spa, Mega Magazine, Cabalen, Plaid Sandwich Co., Oceanic 1911, Acebedo, Congee, Chris Sports, Proline, Mylk, Oyster Boy, Thai In A Box, Slimmers World, Lolo Dad's, Power Mac, Burgoo, National Sports Grill, Gerry's Grill, Powerbowl, Bose, Shakey's and Lorenzo Resort Boracay, among others.









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# Deutschland fashion

Clothes from top German brands Escada, Escada Sport, Laurel and Betty Barclay were featured recently as part of the German Month celebration

**Text by Alex Y. Vergara**
**Photos by Jim Guaio Punzalan**

AFTER THE FRENCH and the Americans, it was the Germans' turn to show Filipinos how to dress up in *der letzti* (the latest) styles, as clothes from top German brands Escada, Escada Sport, Laurel and Betty Barclay were featured recently as part of the German Month celebration, "Germany—It's More Than You Think."

Organizers led by Fairs and More transformed part of the sprawling CATS Motors showroom in Fort Bonifacio into a fashion runway, where guests were ushered in after cocktails.

It was a virtual merging of German technology and fashion as the show's venue is also the exclusive dealer of that German-made car, the Mercedes-Benz.

No less than German Ambassador to the Philippines Axel Weishaupt opened the show, which began with several German youngsters modeling the latest sports gear by Puma.

The upscale car brand's sleek, new models had to stay in the shadows in favor of German fashion, which consisted of a mix of stylish tweed separates, reliable denim jeans and jackets, slim leather pants, and beaded and lacy cocktail dresses.

## No definite look

"These are the latest in Escada's fall-winter collection," says Marilou Peña Koa, president of Euromode Inc., exclusive local distributor of the four brands. "Since women nowadays tend to dress down, we showed more dresses than gowns."

As far as trends go, the Escada collection was devoid of a definite look. Except for a few gems, many of the pieces designed by Scotsman Brian Rennie and his team looked a bit dated and fit for a more mature market. But Koa begs to disagree.

"Not really," she says. "If you look at Escada's magazine ads, we're catering to younger women. In fact, many of the pieces shown tonight have body-hugging silhouettes."

Women with full figures can either wear a sheer poncho or hide behind a shawl, she adds. Or they can stick to Escada's long-sleeved pieces, some of which came in such strong but tricky shades as blood red and St. Patrick's green. Two of our favorite pieces, however, were devoid of color.

One was a black and white, hound's tooth-patterned tank top paired with a slim black skirt. Another eye-catching number was a spaghetti-strapped, Halston-inspired black dress with tiered tassels that swished and swayed with its wearer's every movement. Unlike some of the clothes, these two pieces managed to look young yet classic enough to last through the changing seasons.

They better be, as an Escada piece doesn't come cheap. An average dress or gown could set back the high-spending fashionista from P60,000-P100,000.

## Chic separates

Laurel consisted of chic office and travel separates, mostly in tweeds and knitted trench coats in such fall shades as orange, berry, olive and lime green. It also showed a number of tops and bottoms in single and contrasting shades. A number of models wore slim leather jackets with contrasting piping that matched the color of their pants.

Escada Sport showed a great deal of denim pieces in various permutations—conventional and long belted jackets with topstitching, blazers and pleated A-line skirts with matching jackets. If you can't fly to San Francisco or London any time soon, one of the brand's featured pieces, a cable-knit trench coat, is ideal enough for Baguio weather.

Betty Barclay favored either plain or dark plaid ensembles in the form of zip-up jackets, Capri pants and fitted tees. The use of animal fur, particularly mink and fox, either as shawls or accessories, was the evening's biggest visual highlight.

Alas, fur pieces won't be sold at any of the brands' stores at Shangri-La Mall, Glorietta and 6750. Escada fans will have to fly abroad, particularly Europe and North America, to avail themselves of such fashion luxuries. One thing is for sure: German fashion doesn't come cheap.

*E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph*

**FALL** fantasy

**TANK** top treasure

**LEATHER** and plaid

**TWEEDS** with a twist

**DARK** ensemble

**WARM** and casual

# Real Estate Supplement

## PSID 'Popcorn' exhibit ongoing at Paseo Center

THE INTERIOR Design Class 2004 (IDC 2004) of the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID) formally opened its annual exhibition billed "Popcorn: PSID Goes to the Movies" recently at the Paseo Center in Makati City in ceremonies reminiscent of movie premieres and awards nights.

The exhibit showcases 26 different booths representing living spaces such as bedrooms, bathrooms, living rooms, even a bar and café, each conceptualized and designed as a tribute to the stories, the songs, and characters from the world of cinema. The rooms were designed around five different movie genres like musicals in "Song and Dance", animated features in "Kidstuff", fantasy flicks in "Reality Check", box-office hits in "Star Power", and classical, award-winning films in "Encore".

Conceptualized and designed by groups of two to six from PSID's Advanced Class of 2004, each room is carefully researched, planned, and designed in collaboration with noted furniture suppliers and manufacturers. The annual exhibition reflects PSID's rich history from its beginnings 37 years ago until today, where it is acknowledged as the country's premier design institution.

For its 37th year, PSID marks another milestone in the interior design arena with this exhibit that celebrates the melding of pop culture and interior design through the dynamic medium of film. The annual exhibit sets the stage where the members of the graduating class drew inspiration from some of the most memorable films throughout the years, and translating them into trendy and imaginative, yet practical and livable interiors.

"Popcorn: PSID Goes to the Movies" is open to the public until Oct. 31 at the 4th Level of the Paseo Center, Makati City from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., including weekends. Admission is free.

## *A reef for lasting memories*

"ASHES to ashes, dust to dust". That was how we have traditionally sent off our loved ones to the Great Beyond. We have either buried our dead or cremated them.

Now, a US-company has gone one step further, riding on the ever-increasing call of conservation and environmentalism. The name of the company is Eternal Reefs Inc. And just by its name alone, you can guess where your loved ones' final resting place will be.

The site www.about.com explains Eternal Reefs' services: "the honorees ashes are mixed with concrete to make permanent structures for the ocean that grow into beautiful reefs. What better way to honor someone who loves the sea-especially scuba divers. Your loved one will be supporting the ocean's ecosystem and providing a beautiful place for others to visit.

For now, such services are only available in the United States. Pretty soon, though, we might hear such options being offered also in the Philippines. When that time comes, someone has to invent a candle that can be lit underwater.

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Bay Garden remain as the multi-tower crown jewel of a condominium in this biggest land development by the sea, within the 40-hectare Metropolitan Park complex. A dream location not only for Filipinos who have a deep sense of the cosmopolitan lifestyle, but also Europeans, Asians and westerners - who are familiar with a life of simple indulgence.

Looking in from the Manila Bay, Bay Garden is perhaps the most majestic landmark one will see in the coastline of the bay, framed in the background by the skyline of Makati and the lights of Pasay and Parañaque cities. Here is where one can delight in tropical-like setting of palms swaying, along the wide avenues, and open parks and gardens that stretch from Roxas Boulevard to the boardwalk at the edge of the sea.

But leisurely living does not end in the outdoor ambiance. Inside the Bay Garden Towers is the ultimate in cosmopolitan amenities. Here's where you can bring into your inner sanctum, the pleasures of the outdoors: with its resort-style swimming pool as well as a 15-meter indoor, heated lapping pool; basketball and badminton courts, outdoor and indoor kiddie play areas, a full-sized aerobics and work-out gym that overlooks waterfalls, a Japanese garden bridge and the children's wading pool.

Units range in sizes from executive 1-bedroom units to 3-bedroom penthouse units - specially designed to provide pleasurable living space for singles to modern families - and retiring couples who just wish to enjoy nature and wide open space, without leaving the city. All these with elegant narra parquet floors; imported ceramic tiles for toilet and bathrooms; complete kitchen equipped with modular counter cabinets and range hood; provisions for Cable TV, Hot and Cold water supply; and for privacy and security - an audio/video security system; automated fire alarms, heat/smoke detection and sprinkle system; and standby power generator for the convenience of the condominium residents.

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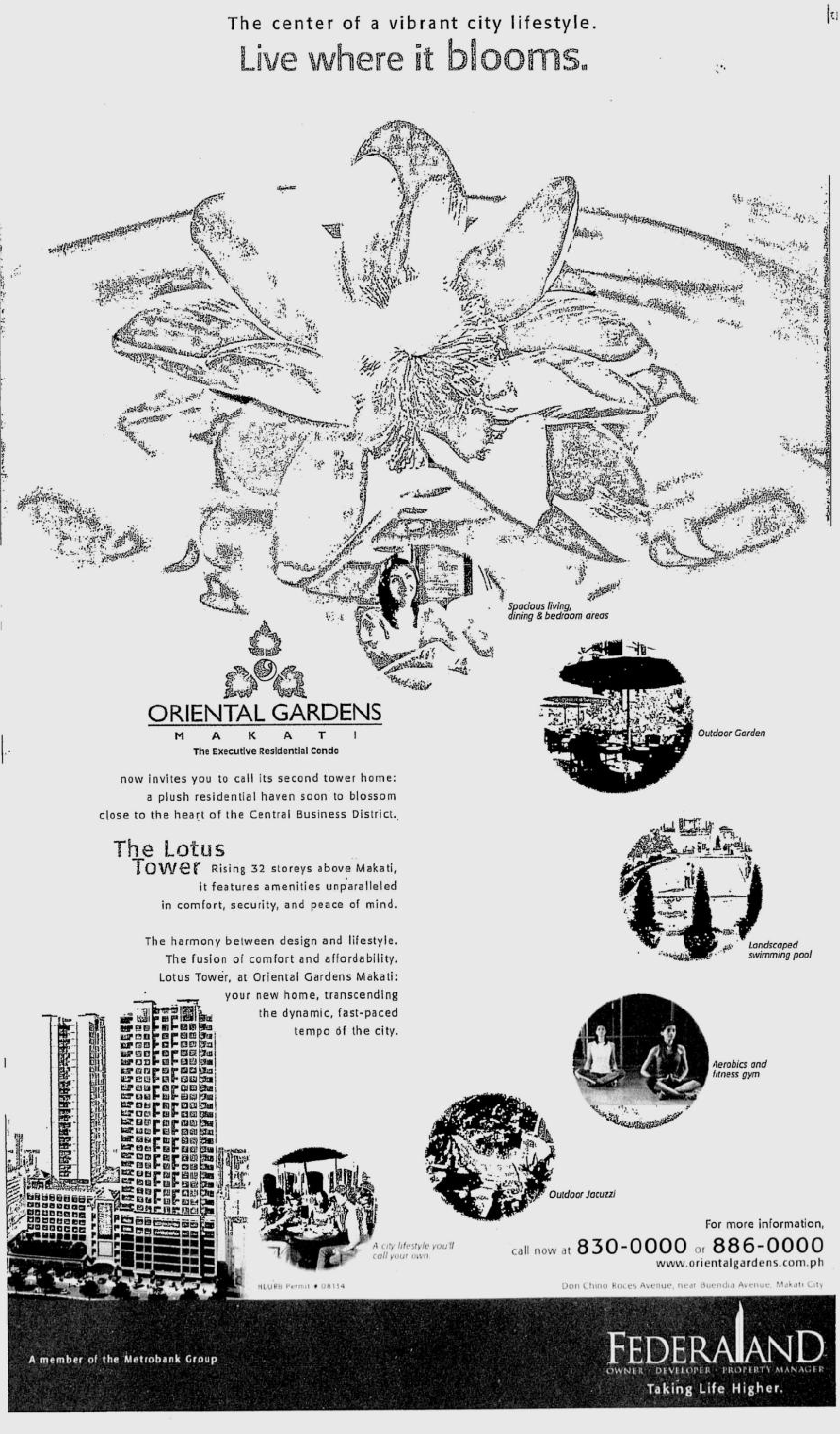
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ranean façade that has ample parking space, and the completed 3-tower Bay Garden Condominiums, seats on over 9,000 square meters of space for just Phase One and Phase Two of the development. Another similar space is being readied and conceptualized for Phase Three and its fourth and fifth towers - soon to begin construction in the coming year.

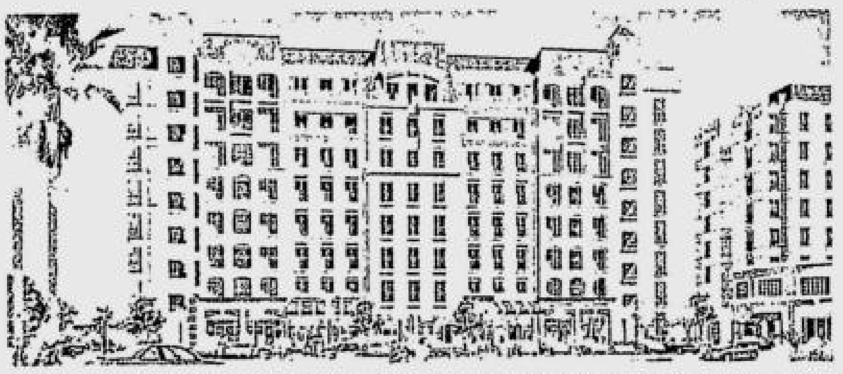
Living far from the maddening crowd at Metropolitan Parks' Bay Garden is not like being in a lonely, solitary planet. It is just a walk away from the pulsating Blue Wave leisure and dining complex along Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard and the Le Pavillon activity 'tent'. Adjacent to Metropolitan Park are world-class shopping malls and dining destinations, five-star hotels that line the boulevard, and cultural, entertainment and conference centers of Metro Manila. Along the strip and its side streets are the nightlife of world-class pubs in the new Malate, and more restaurants and shops for priceless antiques.

Living at the Bay Garden is not an experience for the moment, but a life you indulge in from moment-to-moment... It is not a fashionable choice, rather a lifestyle that translates your taste into elegant and classic expressions.

Here at Bay Garden, you're as close to the world that excites you: the tropical paradise of sun and sea and pulsating excitements of the neighboring destinations; while inside your condominium is a 'home' - a solace of warmth, peace and quiet - where your mind, body and soul can find refuge from the daily challenges of high-end living.

For more information on Bay Garden you can drop by their Sales Office at the Blue Wave Complex, visit their Model Units which are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; check them out online at www.baygardens.com.ph or simply call their hotline at (632) 551-0888. Federal Land is the owner and property manager, and a member of the Metrobank Group.

# Idyllic township soon to rise in Marikina City



PROPERTY owner and developer, Federal Land Inc is helping accelerate the urbanization of Marikina City, but without destroying the town's precious, unique character. Hence, this is the vision of the Marquinton township-style of development, located along Sumulong Highway and Fernando Avenue.

The 2-hectare Blue Wave at Marquinton Commercial Center is the first phase to be developed - to spur business and economic activities within the rising Marikina metropolis. The modern, self-contained community of high quality and affordable residential units that are soon-to-rise, will thus be complemented by an organized, well-niched and well-placed commercial destination.

Blue Wave at Marquinton will soon be completed with clusters of eight-storey condominiums that are set against the relaxing background of the green mountains of Antipolo and Montalban. To be named Marquinton Residences, it is designed as an ideal community where families can live and grow.

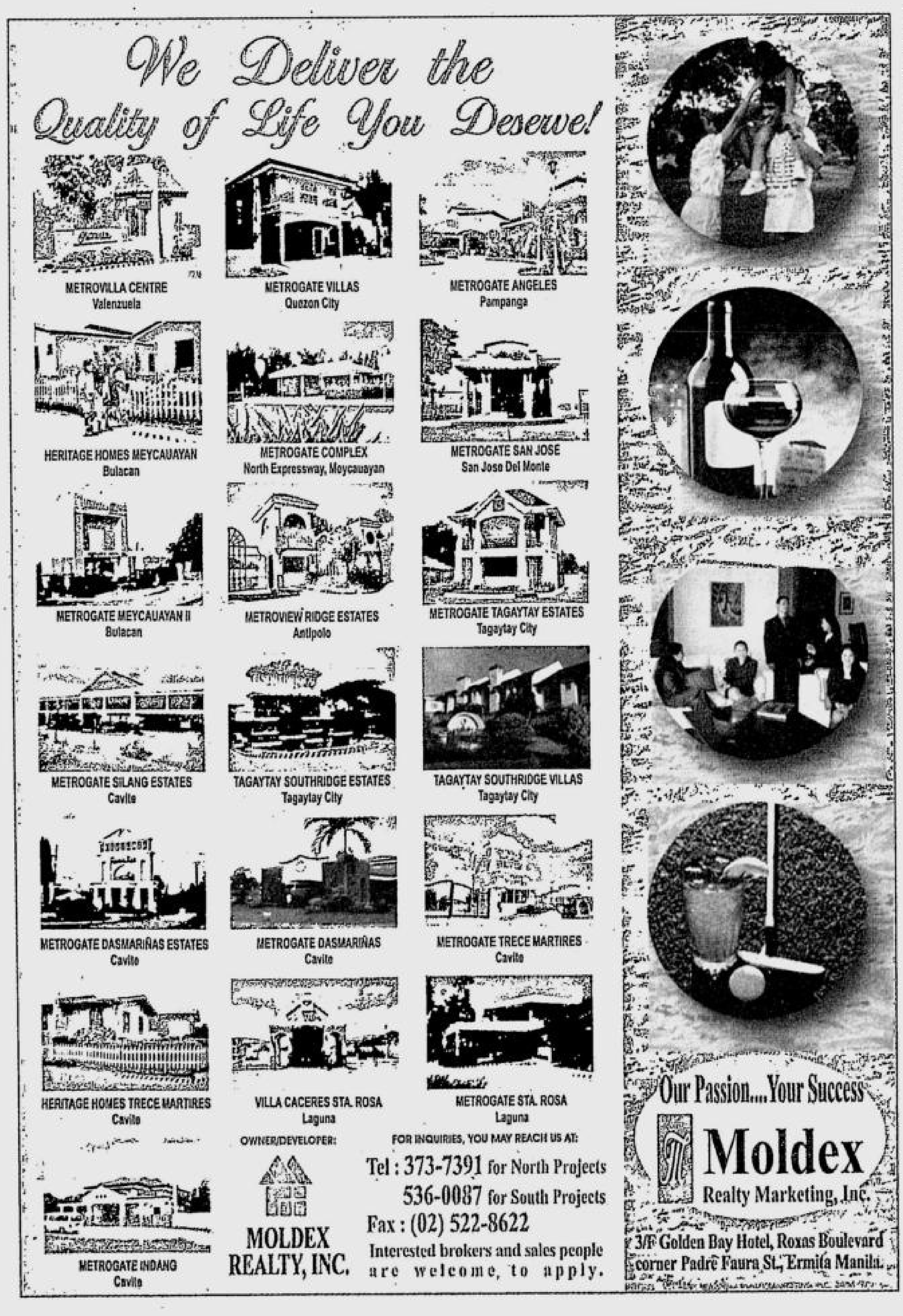
For information on leasing space at Blue Wave at Marquinton, Marikina City, you may contact Federal Land at 898 -8965 or 892-6605 or visit their on-site Information Office next to the Marikina Showroom, open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Federal Land, Inc. is the property owner and developer, and a member of the Metrobank Group.

# Moldex Realty Marketing Inc on high gear

IN AIMING to serve the widest possible spectrum of the real estate market, Moldex offers varied real estate projects from self-contained communities to luxury estates and affordable housing projects. In working towards achieving its corporate vision of serving the needs of the public, Moldex translated this vision into hectarage of development and actual sales, and has set a new standard in contemporary self-contained residential communities.

With its continuous sage for excellence, just this year alone, Moldex celebrated the completion of the clubhouse complex with swimming pool in its Metrogate San Jose, Bulacan and Metrogate Indang, Cavite projects and introduced six new house models, aptly named the Metrogate series houses, which aims to offer buyers flexibility in choosing the house design that will suit their lifestyle. Scheduled also this last quarter of the year are blessings of the Villa Caceres Sta. Rosa, Laguna's clubhouse on Nov. 20 and Metrogate Silang Estates, Cavite's model unit on Dec. 4.

Interested parties may call Jhoanna/Pau at 522-7777 local 155/148 or Marion/Fair Ann at 373-7391 for participants. Or may drop by at any of MRMI's offices located at 3rd Floor Golden Bay Hotel, 347 Padre Faura corner Roxas Boulevard, Ermita Manila (across the US Embassy) and Ground Floor Moldex Building, Ligaya Street, corner West Avenue, Quezon City.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# Super Bowl of China opens Libis, SM Fairview branches

GOOD news to all lovers of mouth-watering Chinese dishes. Your favorite casual dining Chinese restaurant, Super Bowl of China, has recently opened two new branches-one at Eastwood Citiwalk 2 in Libis, Quezon City and another at the first level of SM Fairview Annex.

The addition of the Libis and Fairview outlets brings to seven the total number of Super Bowl of China restaurants. That's more branches, more destination choices, more travel convenience and more enjoyable dining experience for you.

The opening of the new outlets is in line with the restaurant's goal to bring the Super Bowl of China experience to as many people as possible-great-tasting Chinese food served hot and fast by a team of friendly service staff, in an ambience that is casual and comfortable.

Super Bowl of China has earned its place in the hearts and taste buds of food lovers with its wide variety of delectable dishes prepared the authentic Chinese way. There's something for everyone with its selection of pork, chicken, beef, seafood and vegetable dishes; soups, dimsum, roasts and noodles, plus yummy desserts. Famous fare include Lapu-Lapu Fillet, Spicy Pork Chop, Lemon Chicken, BBQ Pork Asado, Mixed Vegetables, Mapo Beancurd, Braised Seafood with Beancurd, Roast Duck, Beef with Oyster Sauce, Crispy Fried Noodles, Congees, and various Combo Platters, among others.

The two new branches, which are franchised outlets, are proofs of Super Bowl of China's aggressive implementation of its franchising development program. Big Buddha Restaurant Inc, which operates Super Bowl of China, welcomes potential franchisees. It provides full support in the area of marketing, operation, training, product research and development and other forms of assistance. Interested franchisees can call Richmond Yang, Big Buddha Restaurant Inc's managing director at 747-2125.

Other Super Bowl of China branches are located at the Megastrip of SM Megamall; Jupiter Street in Makati; Glorietta 4 in Ayala Center; Chefs Avenue in Festival Mall, Alabang; and at the 2nd level of SM City North Edsa.

Super Bowl of China also offers catering and delivery services in select areas in Metro Manila. For catering inquiries, call 747-2048. For delivery services, call Super Bowl of China Super Delivery at 737-8888.

**CLUB GARFIELD LAUNCH**

Richwell Trading Corp marketing manager Arlette Capistrano (2nd from right), Richwell brand manager for Garfield Edita Montemayor (left) and Eastwood City assistant marketing manager Rhoda Ninofranco give a thumbs up mark during the launch of Club Garfield held at Eastwood City-Libis. Club Garfield is open to kids and adults of all ages. To join Club Garfield, just fill up the application form with a proof of purchase of any Garfield products and pay the corresponding membership fee. Club members will receive a lifetime membership card, an official membership certificate, an exclusive Club Garfield shirt and special discounts from Witty Wild Wacky Boutique. Garfield products are exclusively distributed by Richwell Trading Corp and are available at Toy Kingdom in SM malls and at all leading department stores and toy stores nationwide. For more information, visit www.garfield.com or call Richwell at 732-5141 to 47.

**PHILIPS AT RHINE MARKETING**

Philips Consumer Electronics (PCE), Europe's number one electronics company, joined its business partner Rhine Marketing Corp, the country's leader in direct selling installment of household appliances, in celebration of its 40th anniversary held in Banilad, Cebu City. In line with the celebration, Rhine honored Philips with a plaque of appreciation for its continuous support. Shown is PCE general manager Angelo Valenton (center) with Rhine executives (from left) CEO Hernan Streegan, president Ed Anselmo, vice president for finance Ely Ostia and vice president for operations Jose Cunanan during the awarding ceremony.

**LUCKY CARDHOLDERS REWARDED BY BANKARD**

Bankard's 'Children Have a Right to Good Education' (Charge) program was recently concluded with eight lucky Bankard cardholders winning either a digital camera, a desktop computer, a laptop computer or P10,000 in cash credit. By charging their children's tuition, books, school uniform and other school-related expenses worth at least P10,000 to their Bankard MasterCard, Visa, JCB or myDream JCB, cardholders are entitled to a raffle number or a chance to win the above prizes. Present at the ceremonial awarding were: (from left) Marilou Aguirre, winner of P10,000 cash credit; Jose Jove Agudo, digital computer; Vicente Agonoy, P10,000 cash credit; and Cristina Murla, laptop computer. Witnessing the event was Bankard marketing and sales group head Irene Taylo. Other winners not in photo are: Wenceslao Ng-ee, Salvacion Costuna, Fe Ramirez, and Railyn Morales.

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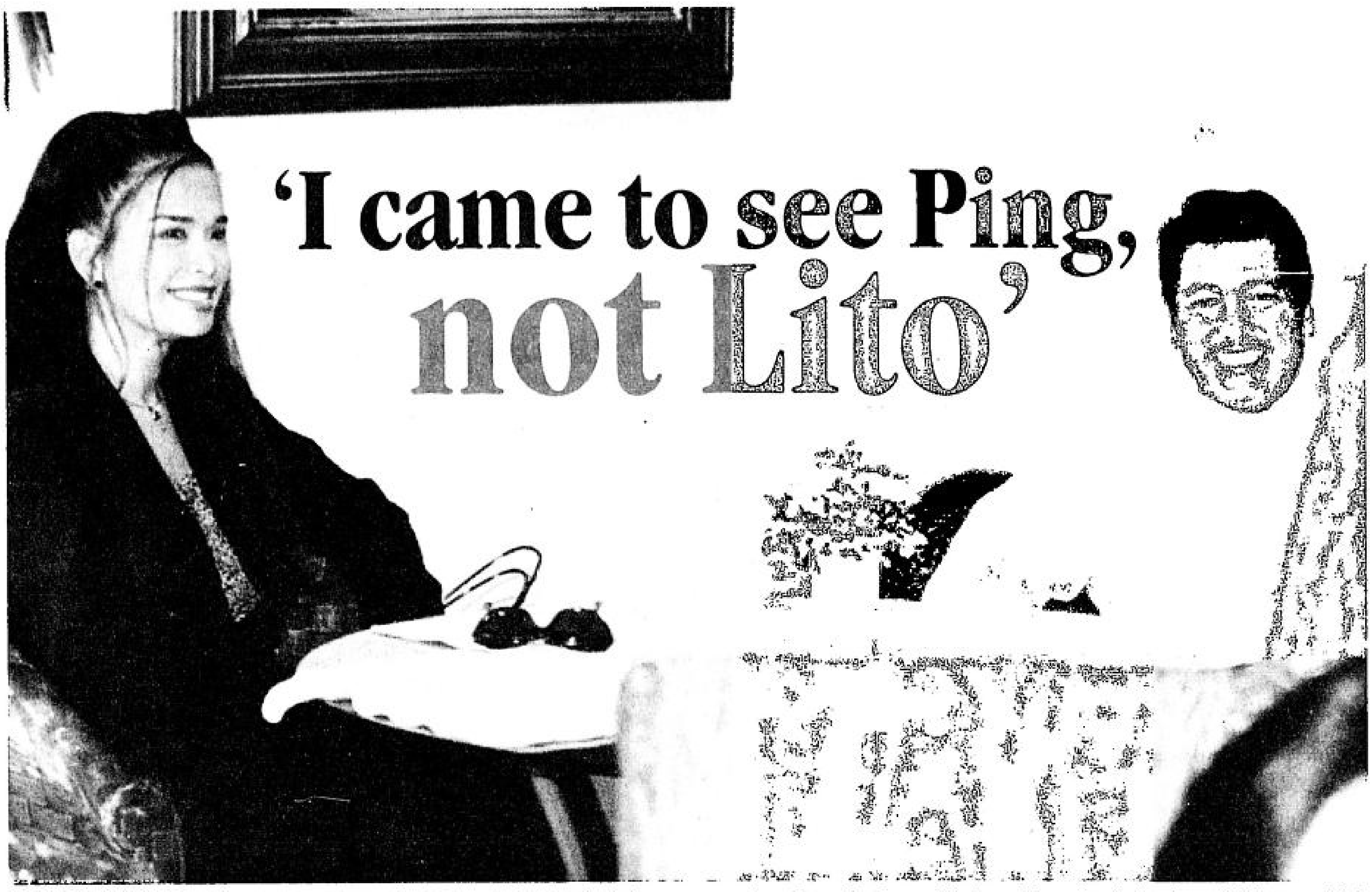
# 'I came to see Ping, not Lito'



LADY WHO lunches with her ex, Melanie says she and Senator Lapid talked about, among other things, the future of their son Manuelito (in file photo with her, top right)

By Marinel R. Cruz

"I WENT to the Senate to meet Sen. [Panfilo] Lacson, not to see Lito," actress-model Melanie Marquez said after she was was spotted dining at the Senate lounge with her former live-in partner, Sen. Lito Lapid, last Wednesday.

Sen. Lapid paid for the lunch, Melanie said.

Of her primary reason for going to the Senate, Melanie said, "I was there to talk with Senator Lacson about a project. It's about a public-service TV show we plan to do. When Lito saw me, he approached me.

"I appreciate the gesture, although I made it clear to him and to everyone around that I didn't go there to see him," she added.

Melanie has been engaged in a word war with the senator's wife, Marissa, after the feisty actress publicly asked Lapid to help finance the education of their 22-year-old son, Manuelito. She said Manuelito, now in the US, wants to study medicine.

She said she and Senator Lapid talked about their son, Marissa and the libel case the latter filed against Melanie last month.

"I would crack jokes that made him laugh," she said of her conversation with Senator Lapid. "That's really my personality. We're friends. We were very civil. I'd do that to his wife, too. I'd say hello even if she snubbed me. It's just that, *kapag inumpisahan mo ako, tatapusin kita* [If you start fighting with me, I'll finish it for you]."

Marissa sued Melanie for the "wounding" statements the latter made about her on the show biz talk show "Star Talk" on GMA 7. Marissa filed the case before the San Fernando Regional Trial Court in Pampanga on Sept. 12. She also charged "Star Talk" with libel.

"Lito told me to just keep quiet about things concerning our son, and to be patient," Melanie said. "I told him I don't

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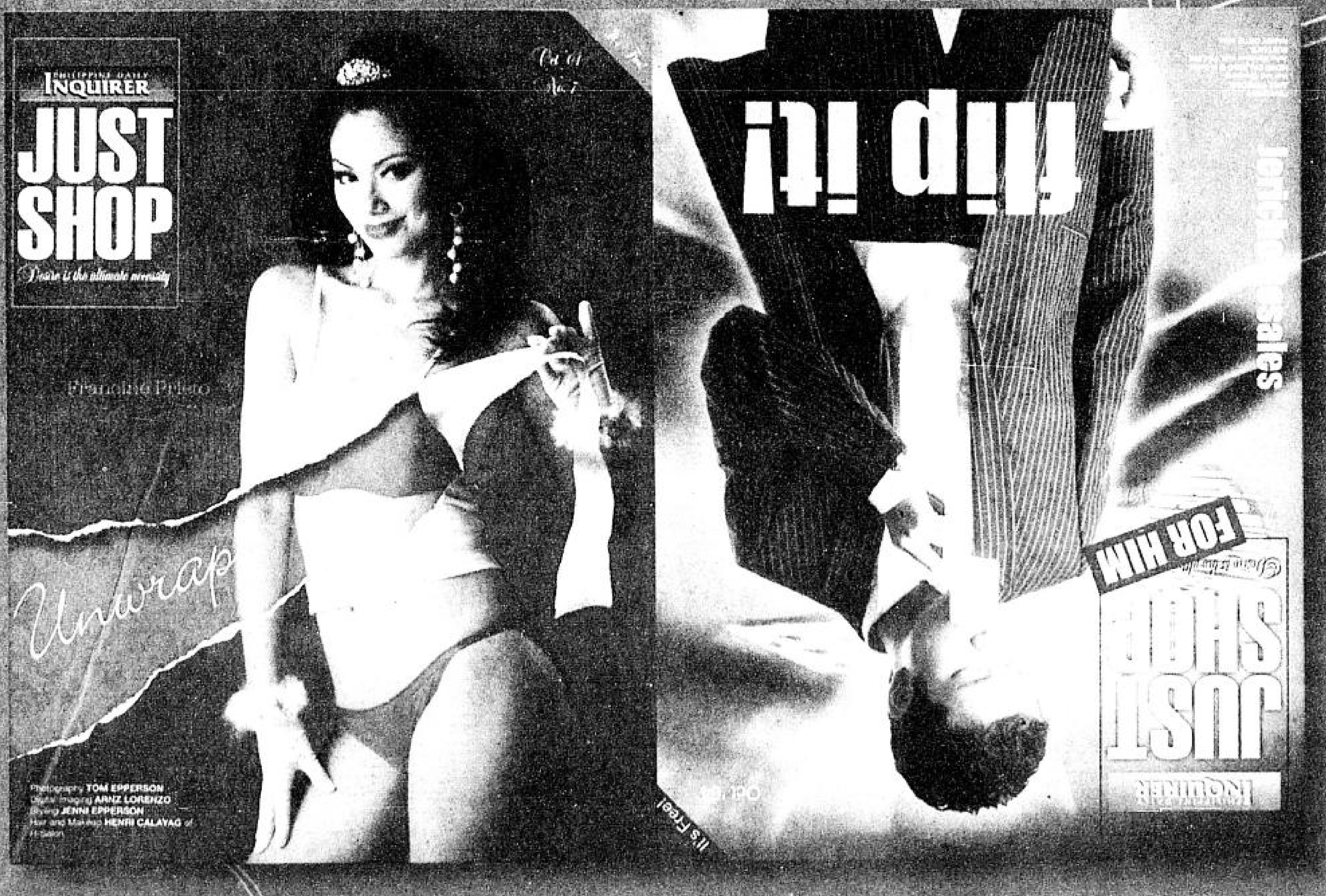

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| 4 CELLULAR | 4 WHITE CHICKS | 4 THE DOLL MASTER | | GUARANTEED SEATS 4 WHITE CHICKS | 4 HEAVEN'S POND |
| 5 WHITE CHICKS | | 5 SHARK TALE | | GUARANTEED SEATS 5 CELLULAR | 5 THE PUNISHER |
| | | 6 THE GRUDGE | | | |
| | | 7 CELLULAR | | | |

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**2 BEFORE SUNSET**
11.30 FS/ 12.00 MF/ 2.00/ 4.00/ 6.00/ 8 00/ 9.25 LFS/ 10:00 LMF/11:25 END

### BABY GENIUSES 2 MTRCB Rating: GP

SM Megamall Cinema 6
SM City Fairview Cinema 8
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### BEFORE SUNSET MTRCB Rating: PG 13

SM City Manila Cinema 6
SM Megamall Cinema 11
SM City North Edsa Cinema 6

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SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 4
SM Southmall Cinema 3
SM Tutuban Cinema 4
SM City Bicutan Cinema 3
SM Megamall Cinema 9

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SM Southmall Cinema 6
SM Megamall Cinema 2
SM City Manila Cinema 7
SM City Fairview Cinema 7

### STEAL SUBJECT TO MTRCB RATING

SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 9
SM Southmall Cinema 8

### WHITE CHICKS MTRCB Rating: PG13

SM Tutuban Cinema 1
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SM City Fairview Cinema 5
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 3
SM Southmall Cinema 4
SM City Bicutan Cinema 1
SM City Manila Cinema 1
SM City North Edsa Cinema 7
SM Megamall Cinema 8

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| DOLL MASTER<br>MTRCB RATING: R 13 | SM City Manila Cinema 9<br>SM Megamall Cinema 12<br>SM City North Edsa Cinema 4 | SM City Sta.Mesa Cinema 6<br>SM Southmall Cinema 10<br>SM Supercenter Sucat Cinema 4 | SM City Fairview Cinema 12<br>SM Tutuban Cinema 3<br>SM City Bicutan Cinema 4 |
| HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS<br>MTRCB Rating: PG 13 | SM City Manila Cinema 2<br>SM Megamall Cinema 4 | SM City Sta.Mesa Cinema 8 | SM City Fairview Cinema 9 |
| LADDER 49<br>MTRCB Rating: PG 13 | SM City Manila Cinema 11<br>SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 10 | SM City North EDSA Cinema 1<br>SM Southmall Cinema 1 | SM City Fairview Cinema 2<br>SM Megamall Cinema 10 |
| RESIDENT EVIL<br>MTRCB Rating: R 13 | SM City Manila Cinema 10<br>SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 1 | SM Megamall Cinema 1 | SM City Fairview Cinema 1 |
| SHARK TALE<br>MTRCB Rating: GP | SM City Manila Cinema 8<br>SM Megamall Cinema 5 | SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 7<br>SM Southmall Cinema 5 | SM City Fairview Cinema 10 |

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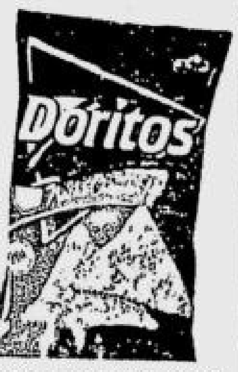

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SM CINEMA

Per BFAD Permit 1056 Series of 2004

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# SM Cinema, Trumpets in tie-up

SM Cinema Live! recently signed a deal with Trumpets, Asia's first professional gospel theater company, to bring wholesome entertainment to the whole family.

In line with SM Cinema Live!'s commitment to the banning of R-18 movies and providing family-oriented shows, the company joined hands with Trumpets in fulfilling their vision of creating the next "Broadway of Asia" and a center for family entertainment, culture and arts.

"SM Cinema Live! came at the right time," said Trumpets president Audie Gemora. "We were looking for a theater where Trumpets could bring family entertainment to a wider audience. We've found that place in SM Cinema Live!"

SM Cinema Live! is reserving Cinema 10, its biggest theater, for Trumpets shows.

"Trumpets has always been known for its family-oriented shows," says Ric Camaligan, Trumpets first VP for operations.

"Right now, we are already planning to build a customized stage for Trumpets," he added.

SM Cinema Live! also plans to cut down the price of live theater ticket prices to as low as P100 and a maximum of P350. Current regular rates are P250 to P1,000.

For their initial offering, SM Cinema Live! and Trumpets present "Peter Pan and the Time Machine" this Christmas season.

"Peter Pan and the Time Machine" is a retelling of the Peter Pan story with a twist. Peter Pan and long-time archenemy Captain Hook travel through space and time in search of the best Christmas present.

For advance tickets, call Ticketnet, 911-5555; Ticketworld, 891-9999; or Trumpets, 633-5010 or 636-2842.

# 'I came to see Ping, not Lito'

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mean to ruin his life and his family. I just want what's due my son."

Manuelito is studying to become an X-ray technician, his mother said. He also works as a medical assistant to support himself.

"I told [Sen. Lapid] about our son's plan," said Melanie. "I said he should put on paper whatever he intends to do about our son. He should make everything legal.

"We'll let our lawyers talk about this," she added.

Melanie said their conversation lasted for only 10-15 minutes.

# 'Pop Ko 'To' at FAT

"POP KO 'TO" performers include Nina, Paolo Santos, Pido, Christian Bautista, Dice&K9, Artstrong, Thor and Kitchie Nadal

BALLADEERS, acoustic singers, hip hop masters and other chart-toppers perform in a one-of-a kind concert extravaganza, "Pop Ko 'To," on Nov. 13 starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Folk Arts Theater.

The show is an all-star, all-hits concert featuring Warner Music stars such as Paolo Santos, Nina, Christian Bautista, Pido, Kitchie Nadal, Dice&K9, Thor and Arstrong.

"Pop Ko 'To, The All Star, All Hits Concert" is presented by Smart Buddy and Warner Music Philippines in cooperation with PLDT My Music, PLDT Vibe, PLDT My DSL, PLDT Home Rewards and MYX, and also by The Philipine Star, Red Box Karaoke, China Star, Discovery Suites, Skechers US, Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, RX 93.9 IFM, 96.3 WRock, 97.1 WLSFM, 99.5 rt, WRR 101.9 and 103.5 K-Lite and 105.1 Crossover.

Tickets are available at National Bookstore branches, Robinsons Department Store, Tower Records, Music Museum, Ayala Center Inc., Greenbelt 1 ticket booth and on the Ticket World website at www.ticketworld.com.ph.

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## Araneta Center
## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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| 3 | Dolby BABY GENIUSES 2 | 12:20 pm 2:30 pm 4:40 pm 6:50 pm 9:00 pm |
| 4 | SDDS THE GRUDGE | 11:20 am 1:45 pm 4:10 pm 6:35 pm 9:00 pm |
| 5 | dts CELLULAR | 12:20 nn 2:30 pm 4:40 pm 6:50 pm 9:00 pm |
| 6 | Dolby THE DOLL MASTER | 12:20 pm 2:30 pm 4:40 pm 6:50 pm 9:00 pm |
| 7 | Dolby ROOM SERVICE | 11:55 am 2:05 pm 4:15 pm 6:25 pm 8:35 pm |

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| 1 | THE GRUDGE | 11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 6:30<br>8:50, 11:10 | R-13 |
| 2 | WHITE CHICKS | 10:45, 1:15, 3:45<br>6:15, 8:45, 11:15 | PG-13 |
| 3 | SHARK TALE | 11:40, 1:50, 4:00, 6:10<br>8:20, 10:30 | GP |
| 4 | BEFORE SUNSET | 12:20, 2:30, 4:40<br>6:50, 9:00, 11:15 | PG-13 |

EASTWOOD CINEMAS

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| ODEON-2 | BUKID AY BASA / KASIBULAN |
| ROBEN | BOLD STAR |
| TANDEM-1 | SUGAT |
| TANDEM-2 | KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO |
| TIMES | SPY / LEGEND OF CROCODILE |

### QUEZON CITY

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| ACT-1 | SENSUAL ISLAND |
| ACT-2 | KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT |
| ACT-3 | ORIGINAL SIN |
| ACT-4 | HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY |
| CORONET A | KARELASYON / NAG-AAPOY NA LAMAN |
| CORONET B | A MAN APART |
| QUEZON-1 | BERTUD NG PUTIK |
| REMAR | X-MEN 2 |
| REMAR-2 | BOLD STAR |

### NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA

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| A | TUKSO Si CHARITO |
| B | CLOSED |
| C | |

### MANDALUYONG CITY

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| SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL | 635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70 |
| CINEMA 1, 2, 3 & 4 | FLYING DAGGERS / SHARK TALE / FIRST DAUGHTER / WHITE CHICK |
| PREMIERE THEATRE | LADDER 49 |

### CAINTA RIZAL

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| STA. LUCIA EAST | (681-5401 TO 19) |
| CINEMA-1 | KARIBAL |
| CINEMA-2 | ROOM SERVICE |
| CINEMA-3 | SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW |
| CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) | STEAL |
| CINEMA-5 (DTS) | OPEN WATER |
| CINEMA-6 | FENG SHUI |
| CINEMA-7 | LADDER 49 |
| CINEMA-8 | HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS |
| CINEMA-9 (DTS) | THE GRUDGE |
| CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL) | BABY GENIUSES 2 |
| CINEMA-11 (SDDS) | DOLL MASTER |
| CINEMA-12 | WHITE CHICKS |
| CINEMA-14 | SHARK TALE |
| CINEMA-15 | CELLULAR |

### LORES

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| CINEMA-2 | SENSUAL ISLAND |
| CINEMA-3 | KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT |

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| (LAS PIÑAS) | BOURNE SUPREMACY |
| CINEMA-1 | FENG SHUI |
| CINEMA-2 | SECRET WINDOW |
| CINEMA-4 | BANGKOK HAUNTED 2 |

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| (PARAÑAQUE) | SENSUAL ISLAND |
| CINEMA-1 | KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT |
| CINEMA-2 | MEN IN BLACK II |
| CINEMA-4 | SELDA |

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| | 4 Doll Master | |
| | 5 Flying Daggers | |
| | 6 White Chicks | |

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LMF : 10 PM (PG-13)

2 GRUDGE
FS 12:40PM, 3PM, 5:20PM, 7:40PM
LMF : 10 PM (R-13)

3 SHARK TALE
FS 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 3:30PM, 5:30PM, 7:30PM
LMF : 9:30 PM (GP)

4 WHITE CHICKS
FS 12PM, 2:30PM, 5PM, 7:30PM
LMF . 10 PM (PG-13)

PREMIERE THEATRE — LADDER 49
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### GALLERIA
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CINEMA 1 THX — LADDER 49 — 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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| 2 | BEFORE SUNSET | 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 |
| 3 | SUPER BABIES: BABY GENIUSES 2 | 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00 |
| 4 | CELLULAR | 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00 |
| 5 | THE GRUDGE | 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 |
| 6 | WHITE CHICKS | 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 |
| 7 | SHARK TALE | 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00 |
| 8 | THE SIN | 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 |
| 9 | THE DOLL MASTER | 11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00 |
| 10 | HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS | 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 |

### ERMITA
536-7809 to 12

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| 1 | BEFORE SUNSET | 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:00 |
| 2 | THE DOLL MASTER | 10:20, 12:05, 2:00, 3:55, 5:50, 7:45, 9:40 |
| 3 | THE GRUDGE | 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:00 |
| 4 | CELLULAR | 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:25, 8:25, 10:00 |
| 5 | SUPERBABIES: BABY GENIUSES 2 | 10:20, 12:05, 2:00, 3:55, 5:50, 7:45, 9:45 |
| 6 | WHITE CHICKS | 10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 |
| 7 | SHARK TALE | 10:20, 12:15, 2:10, 4:05, 6:00, 7:55, 9:50 |

### METRO EAST
682-8193/99 / 682-8280

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| 1 | THE DOLL MASTER | 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10 |
| 2 | LADDER 49 | 10:20, 12:30, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10 |
| 3 | HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS | 11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00 |
| 4 | CELLULAR | 10:50, 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 9:00 |
| 5 | THE GRUDGE | 10:25, 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30 |
| 6 | SUPERBABIES:BABY GENIUSES 2 | 10:50, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 |
| 7 | WHITE CHICKS | 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30 |
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### NOVALICHES
935-3229 / 31

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| 1 | LADDER 49 | 11:00, 1:25, 3:50, 6:15, 8:40 |
| 2 | WHITE CHICKS | 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 |
| 3 | STEAL | 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 |
| 4 | FENG SHUI | 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 |
| 5 | SHARK TALE | 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 |
| 6 | THE DOLL MASTER | 11:00, 1:25, 3:50, 6:15, 8:40 |
| 7 | HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS | 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30 |
| 8 | SKY CAPTAIN | 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30 |

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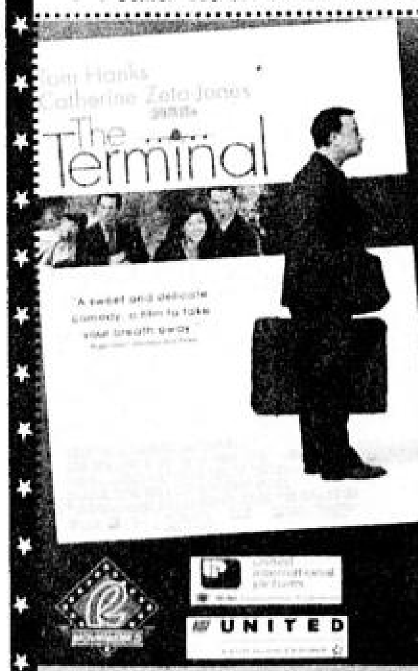

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**MAYOR VI,** minus partner Christopher de Leon, strikes a pose in Chinese setting.

**IN BLUE, NOT RED,** for a change, the young stars include (from left) Patrick Garcia, Angel Locsin, John Prats, Angelica Panganiban, Carlo Aquino, Karyll and Dennis Trillo

# All-out with 'MP3'

**SHOW TIME**

"MANO Po 3: My Love"—"MP3" for short—Mother Lily Monteverde's controversial production for the Metro Manila Film Festival in December finally began principal photography in China last week.

Directed by Joel Lamangan from a screenplay by Roy Iglesias, "MP3" is said to be the last in Mother Lily's anthology about Chinese-Filipinos, or Chinoys, in the Philippines.

"MP3" is described as Mother Lily's most personal project so far.

The MAQ Productions movie, with the Regal Films matriarch as executive producer, features the latest screen pairing of Mayor Vilma Santos and Christopher de Leon.

It also stars the most popular artists of film and television, including Boots Anson-Roa, Sheryl Cruz, Jay Manalo, Carlo Aquino, John Prats, Angelica Panganiban, Angel Locsin, Dennis Trillo, Karylle, Patrick Garcia, and Eddie Garcia.

The cast recently returned from an exhausting but rewarding trip to Beijing, China, where they shot scenes as well as publicity stills. The actors were filmed in places such as Wangfujiang Street, the Summer Palace, Ming's Tomb and the Great Wall of China.

The photos were taken by award-winning lensman Raymond Isaac under the creative supervision of Jun Poblador.

Ace photographers Richard Chen and Jay Alonzo shot second-unit stills.

The public will also have a chance to see the best photographs from the film in the special "Mano Po 3" exhibit which will coincide with the film's release this Christmas.

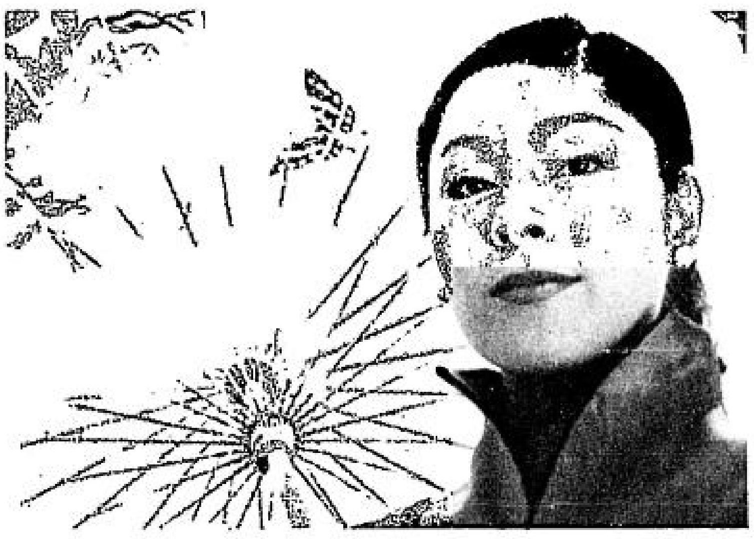
In between shooting, the stars learn how to speak Fookien and Mandarin from linguist Jubilee Ong.

An authentic Chinese village is being erected at a cost of more than P3 million, according to insiders.

The set, conceived and executed by award-winning production designer Rodell Cruz, will be seen in the film's opening scenes.

"I'm going all out with 'Mano Po 3,'" Mother Lily admitted.

"The moviegoers deserve the best movie we can give them, and if that means spending more money, so be it."



**COMEBACK GIRL** Sheryl Cruz, in the role that was supposed to be Judy Ann Santos'.

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# Halloween treats at Red Door

**SHOW TIME**

RED Door Resto, Grill and Cocktails at 173 Pasig Blvd. (formerly Shaw Boulevard Extension) celebrates Halloween with performances by Pido with Take One and Alana on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The music of Pido and his band is a mixture of alternative music, America, Kenny Loggins, James Taylor, Earth Wind and Fire, Prince, Robert Palmer and Janet Jackson.

Wear your spookiest Halloween disguise and win gift packs. Partyholics can also join Red Door's mask-making contest, get free henna tattoos and enjoy an enchanting magical show.

Red Door's menu includes the sumptuous crispy croquettes, paella, and pepperoni pizza, as well as its own cocktail concoctions such as the Rosy Nipples, Protruding Lips and Because You're Hot.

Whether you're fans of acoustic music, R&B, alternative, dance, or reggae, there's something for you at Red Door.

Red Door is open Mondays to Saturdays, from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. With an indoor-outdoor seating capacity of 400, it's ideal for parties, conferences, birthdays and other gatherings.

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# Masquerade at Arkdia

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The party continues tomorrow, Oct. 30, with Chillworx and Soda Pop performing, as well as MTV Philippines "Supahstar" finalist Ida D' Diva and her group.

Resident DJ Jake Sta. Rosa will be spinning the finest house cuts, after which DJ Marlon T will take over with the newest hits.

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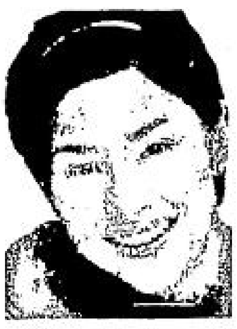
# 'The Other Side' of Tin



**TIN Arnaldo**

TIN Arnaldo's show, "The Other Side of Me," goes on at 9 p.m. at the Dusit Hotel in Makati.

Tin goes sultry as she dons a gown and sings standards. Guests performers are Bernie Uy and 604. Ronnie Henares directs. Eric Narvaez is the musical director.

Sponsors of the Primeline production are Rizal Commercial Banking Corp., GMA, Soniaire Club Spa, Aztec Urban Salon, Business People, 7107 Island Placement and Promotions, Atlas Door to Door and JMJ Hamburger.

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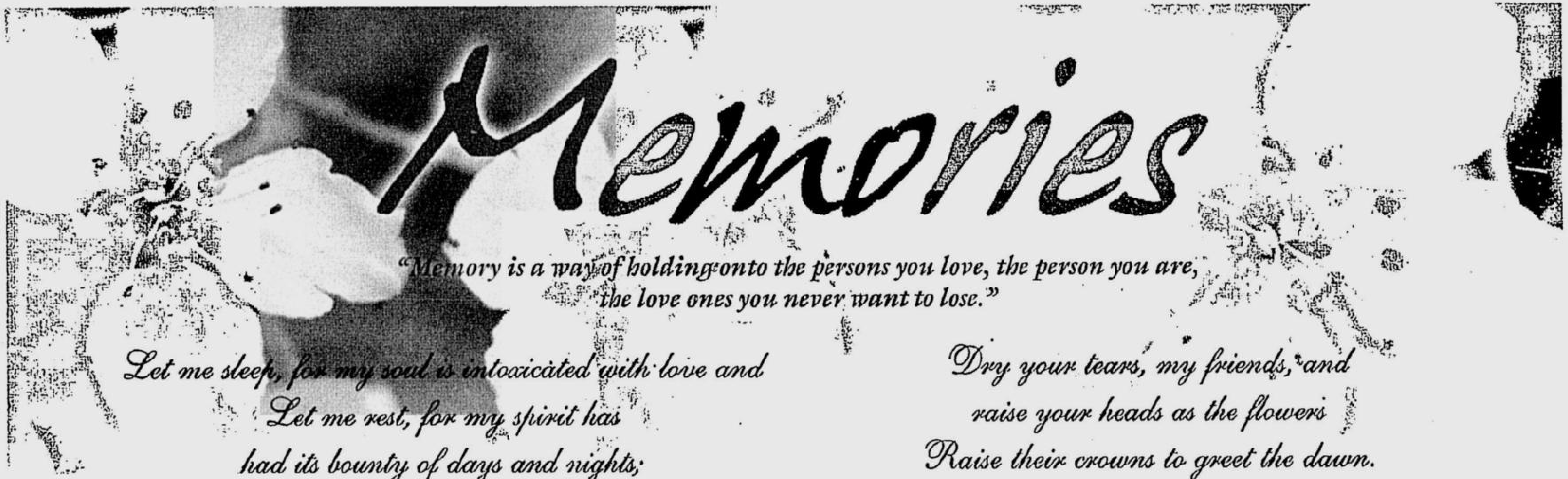

# Memories

*"Memory is a way of holding onto the persons you love, the person you are,*
*the love ones you never want to lose."*

*Let me sleep, for my soul is intoxicated with love and*
*Let me rest, for my spirit has*
*had its bounty of days and nights;*
*Light the candles and burn the incense around my bed, and*
*Scatter leaves of jasmine and roses over my body;*
*Embalm my hair with frankincense and*
*sprinkle my feet with perfume,*
*And read what the hand of Death*
*has written on my forehead.*

*Let me rest in the arms of Slumber,*
*for my open eyes are tired;*
*Let the silver-stringed lyre quiver and*
*soothe my spirit;*
*Weave from the harp and*
*lute a veil around my withering heart.*

*Sing of the past as you behold the dawn*
*of hope in my eyes, for*
*It's magic meaning is a soft bed upon*
*which my heart rests.*

*Dry your tears, my friends, and*
*raise your heads as the flowers*
*Raise their crowns to greet the dawn.*
*Look at the bride of Death*
*standing like a column of light*
*Between my bed and the infinite;*
*Hold your breath and listen with me*
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*Her white wings.*

*Come close and bid me farewell;*
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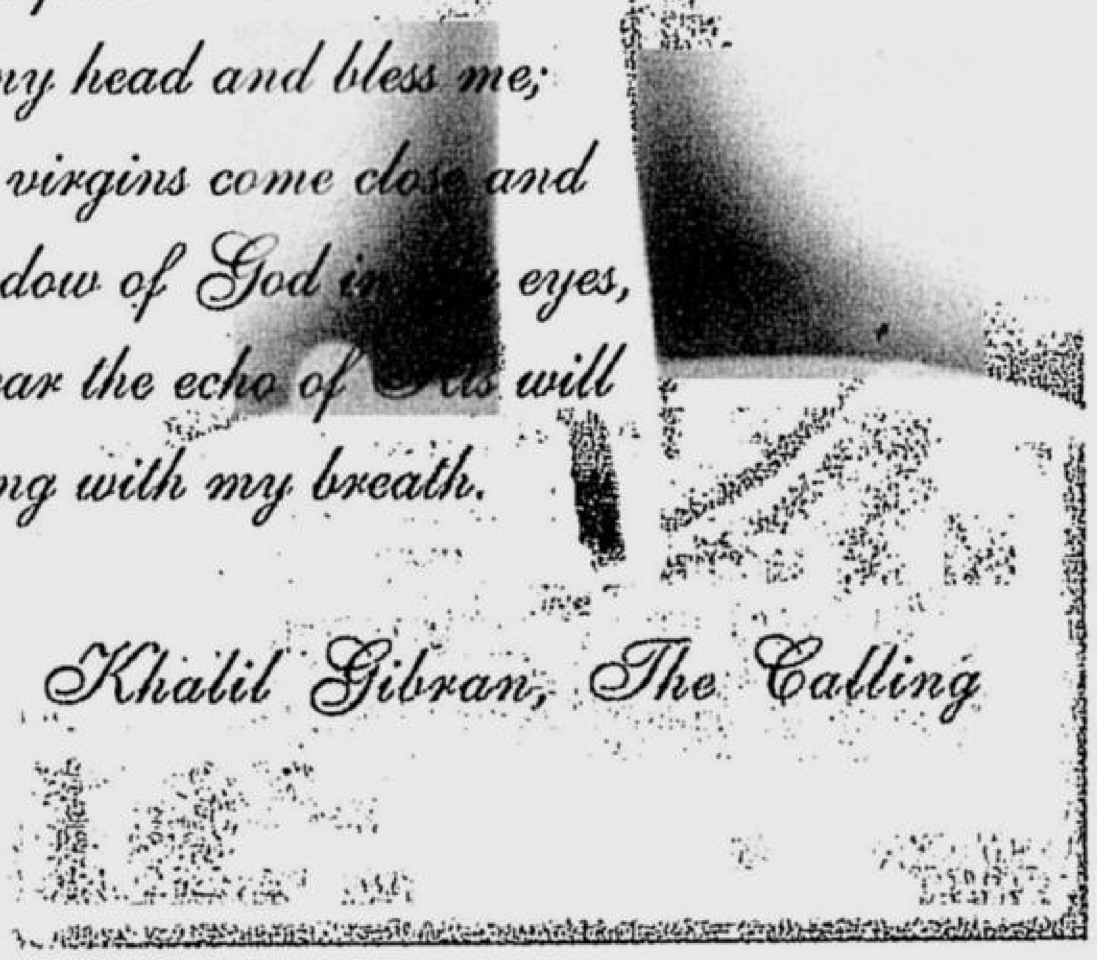

*Khalil Gibran, The Calling*

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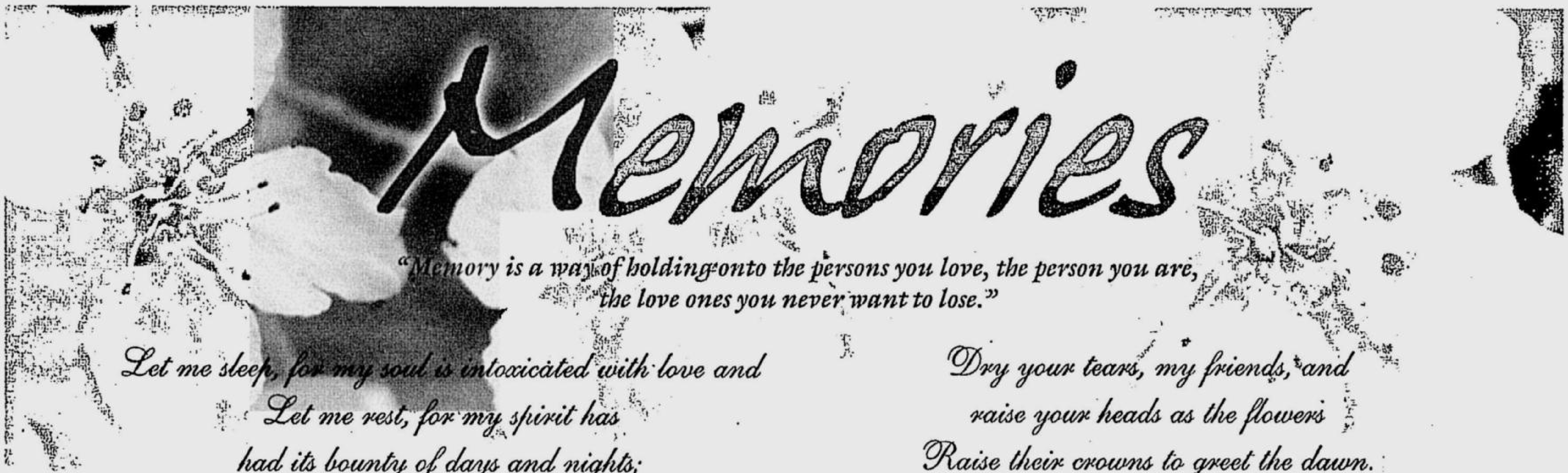

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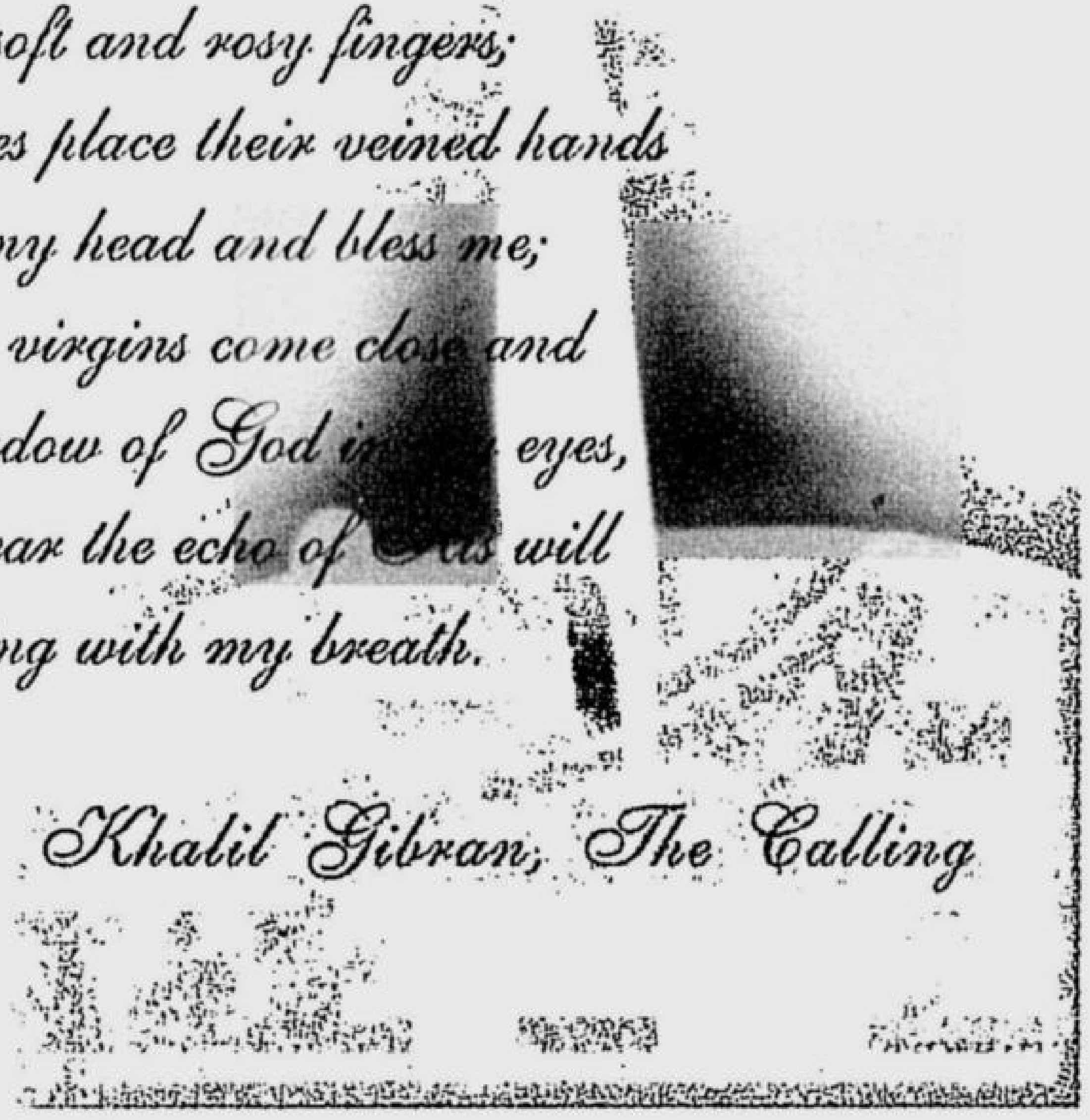

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# Gift of everlasting life

**ByMarlet Salazar**

PREPARING for the future does not only mean having a fat bank account for your retirement. For many people, they begin to realize the importance of planning for their eventual passing. This is not done only for oneself but also to let the ones left behind free from worries.

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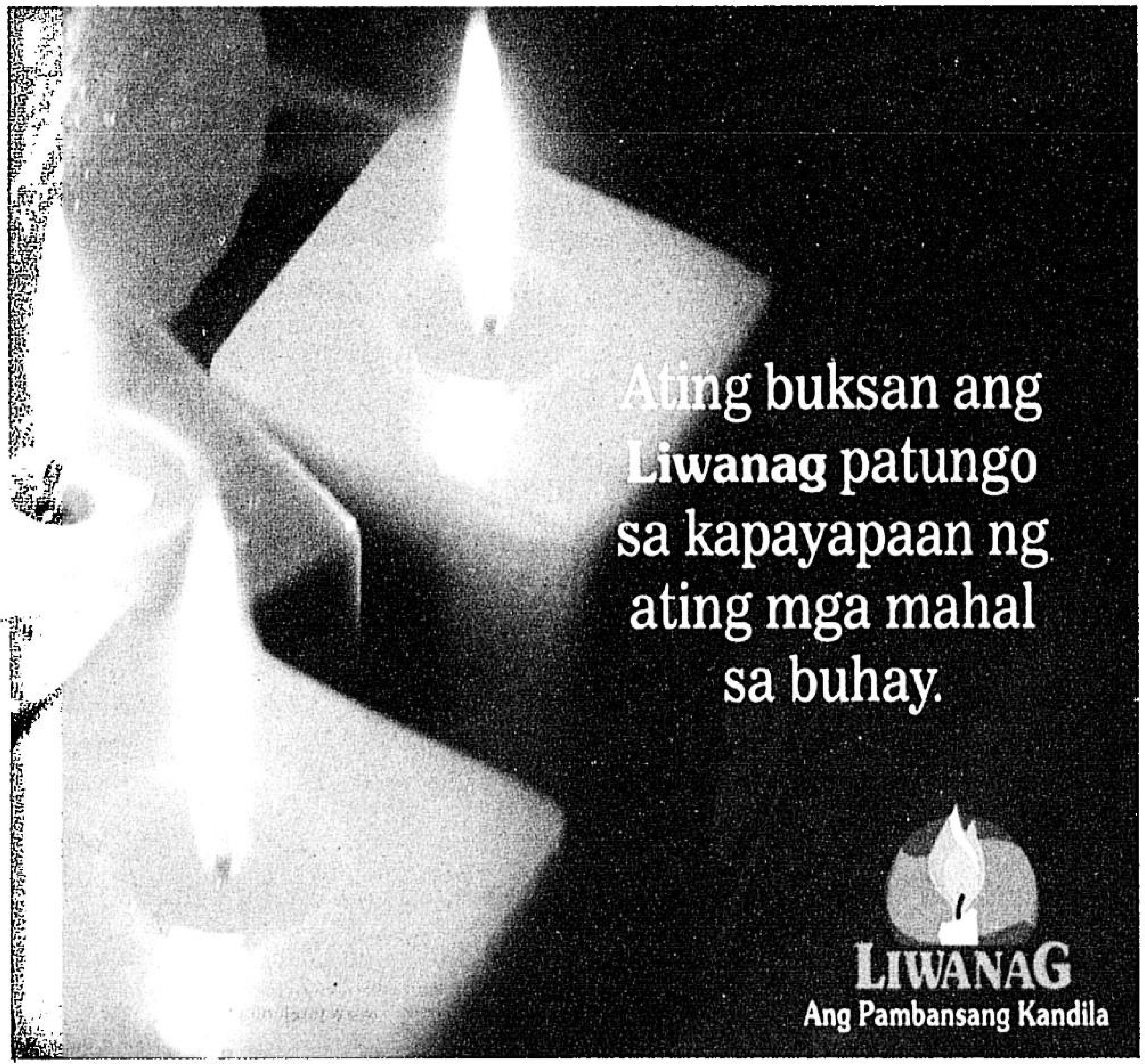

## MANILA MEMORIAL PARK

# Leading the way

**By Joel V. Nigos**

FOR over 40 years now, the Manila Memorial Park has been leading the way in the eternal or death care industry. Envisioned to provide a final resting place which offers tranquility and beauty both for the deceased loved ones and their families, the memorial park aims to address the real problems when death comes in the family. These problems, found in public cemeteries, such as congestion, lack of order, missing graves and stolen mementos or even remains, not to mention maintenance or the lack of it, often does not help grieving families when they need it most. Rather than bring peace of mind to them, these just compound their woes.

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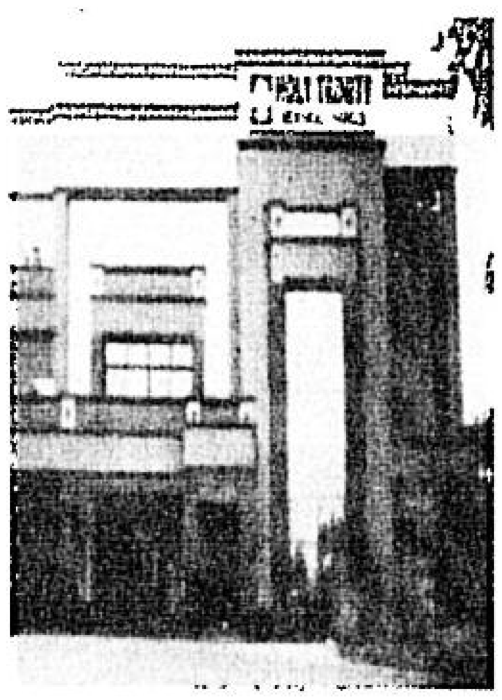

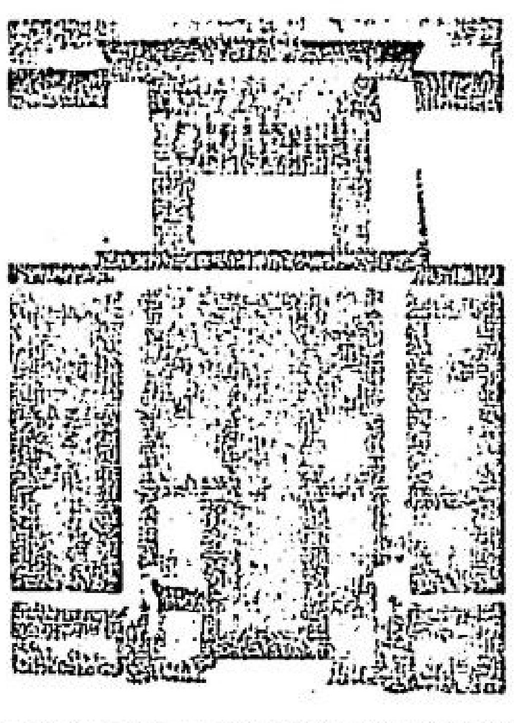

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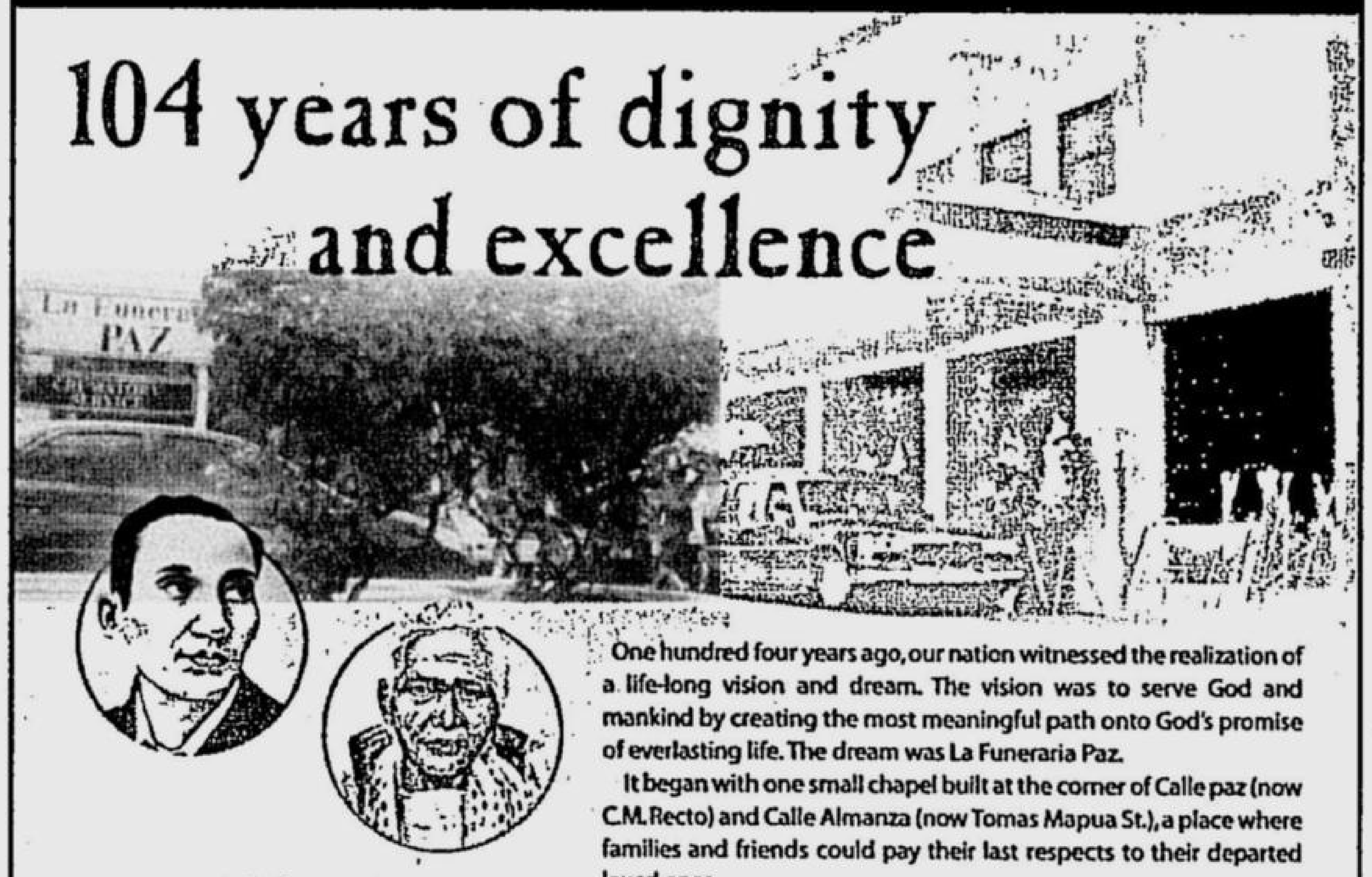

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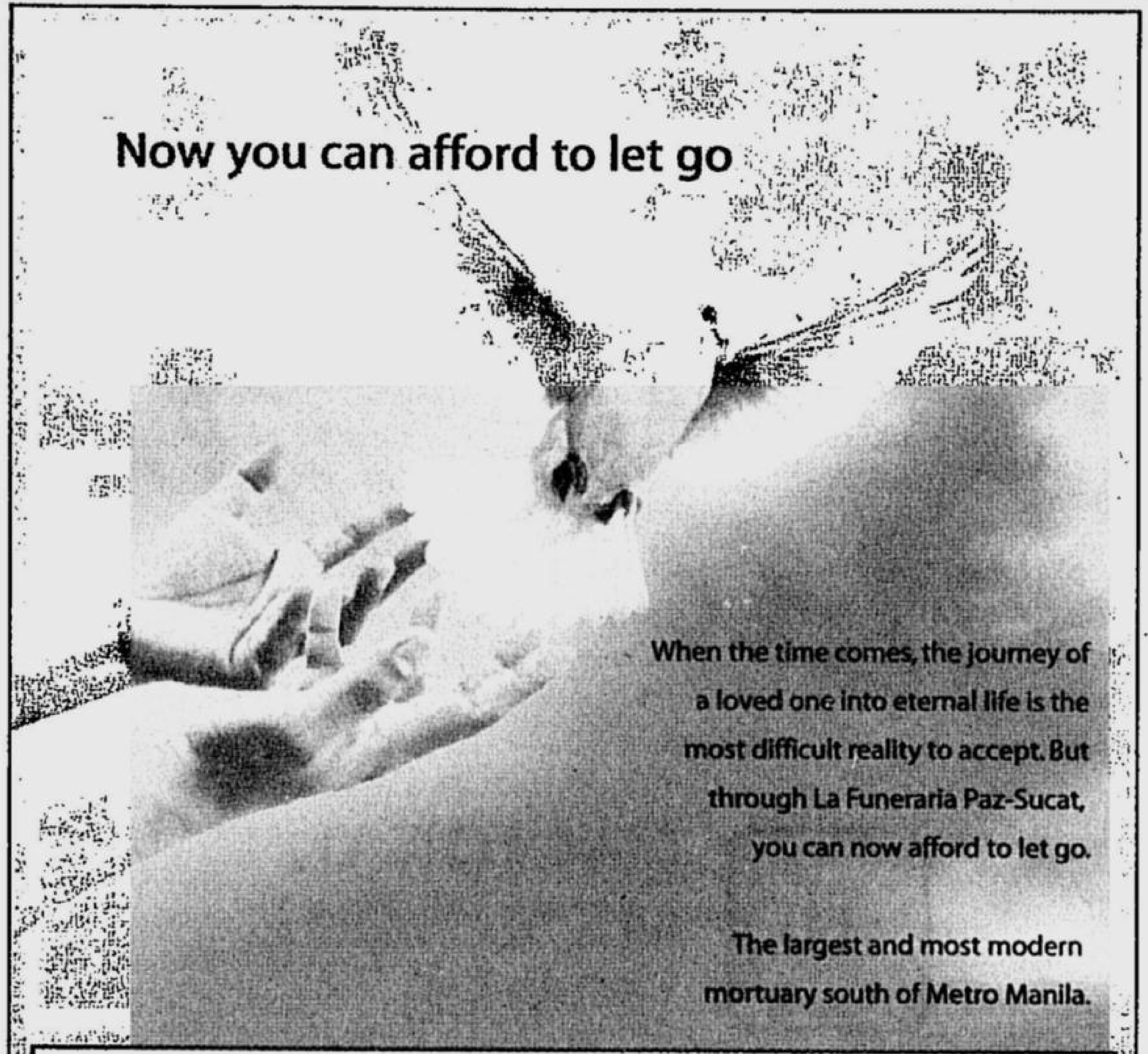

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**Leader in the Memorial Park Business**
Holy Gardens has been the first to offer an interactive website where customers can take a virtual tour of the memorial park, send e-condolences, offer e-masses, view obituaries, keep track of their payments, and inquire in real-time. HGMP also offers franchising of branches and discounting of memorial park receivables, and instant loan to CO holders.

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THE HERITAGE PARK

# The best place for remembrance on earth

**By Raquel P. Gomez**

The Heritage Park is a multiuse memorial park complex that has modern interment facilities and services, a refreshing park, esthetic landmarks, trees, lagoon and gardens

THE sad, heavy and clinical atmosphere associated with mortuary and crematory facilities is now a thing of the past.

The Heritage Park Mortuary and Crematory in Fort Bonifacio is a new 3,200 square meter facility possesses harmonious design, architecture and interiors, which convey the atmosphere of serenity and warmth, a much-needed comfort for the family who lost a loved one.

There are ten air-conditioned viewing chapels, each can be joined with another to form a bigger chapel to accommodate more people. The chapel is spacious. The family room offers amenities such as TV, ref, sofa and cushions.

Outside the facility is a wide patio with chairs and tables and a nearby coffeeshop. Beyond is a landscaped garden with a small pond and a children's playground.

### A welcome to stay

The mortuary and crematory is designed in such a way to somehow make the family's stay an "enjoyable" one, according to Jack Kidwiler, chairman and CEO of Rosehills Memorial Management (Phils.) Inc, the company running The Heritage Park.

"It's never fun or an enjoyable experience when a family member passes away," said Kidwiler. "But we try to make the experience as less painful as possible."

With the opening of the Mortuary and Crematorium, the Heritage Park is now a complete "one-stop shop" for all funeral or interment needs.

### A Perpetual Care Park

At the Heritage Park, a family's interment's needs are fully taken care of. Counselors assist a family in private with regard to the final arrangements, from date and location of service, selection of products and interment services.

The family can choose the flowers, cards, casket or urn, tomb labels, food for the guests during the wake, procession procedure either by horse-drawn carriage or car, and the interment spot inside the park's sprawling green grounds.

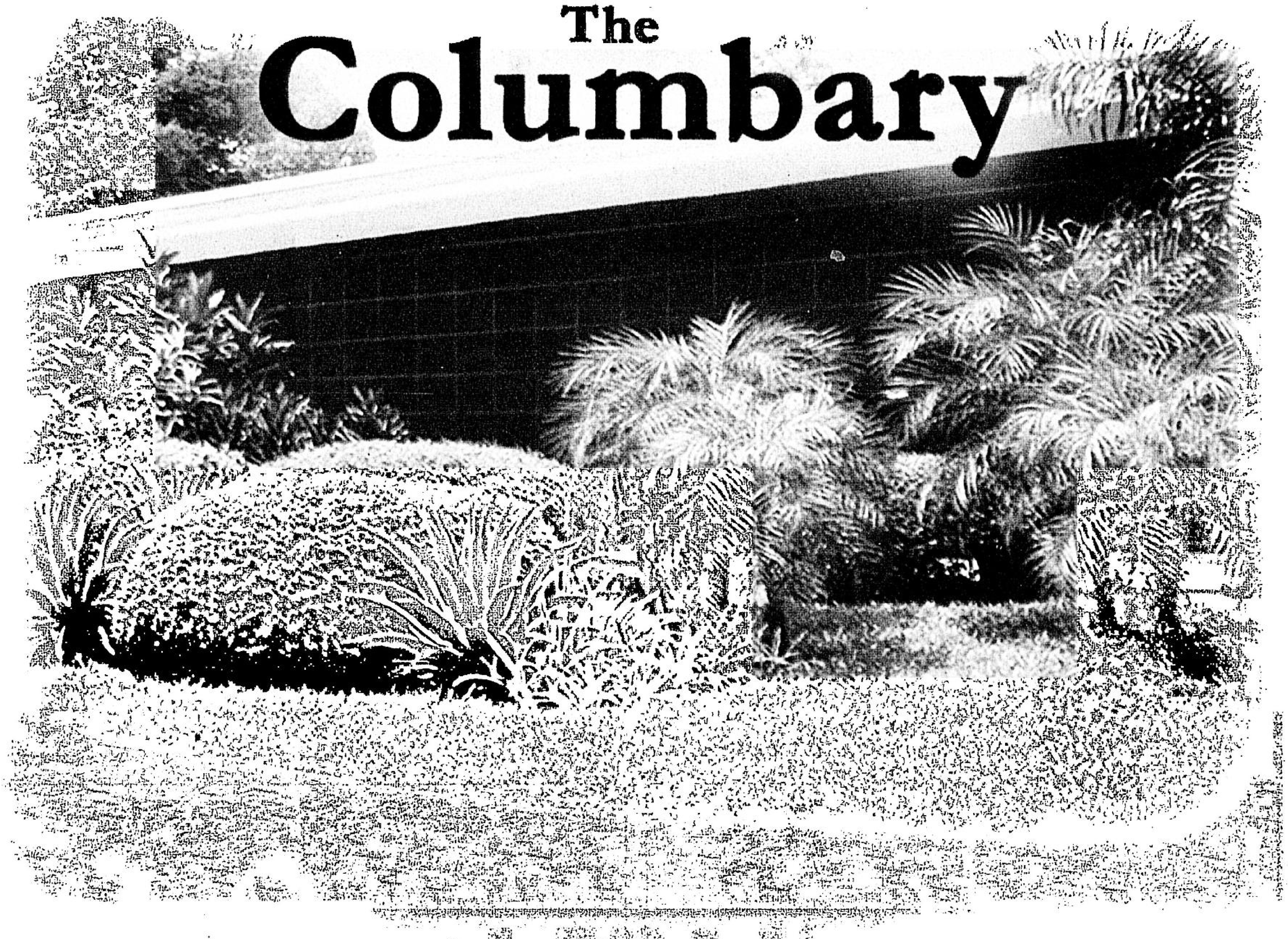
Even after the internment is done, the family need not worry about the upkeep and maintenance of the memorial lot. The Heritage Park is the only memorial park in the country with a Perpetual Care Fund that assures the long-term maintenance, upkeep, care and continued enhancement of the park.

### Modern

Occupying a 76-ha of land along the C-5 and Bayani Road inside Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, The Heritage Park is a master-planned, high-value multiuse memorial park complex that has modern interment facilities and services. It has esthetic landmarks and structures such as lagoon for fishing. Trees abound as well as decorative lampposts on the green lawns. The place is truly refreshing for a memorial park that people go here to jog in the mornings.

The Heritage Park is operated and managed by Rosehills Memorial Management Inc., a local affiliate of a leading US-based cemetery and mortuary company.

# The Columbary



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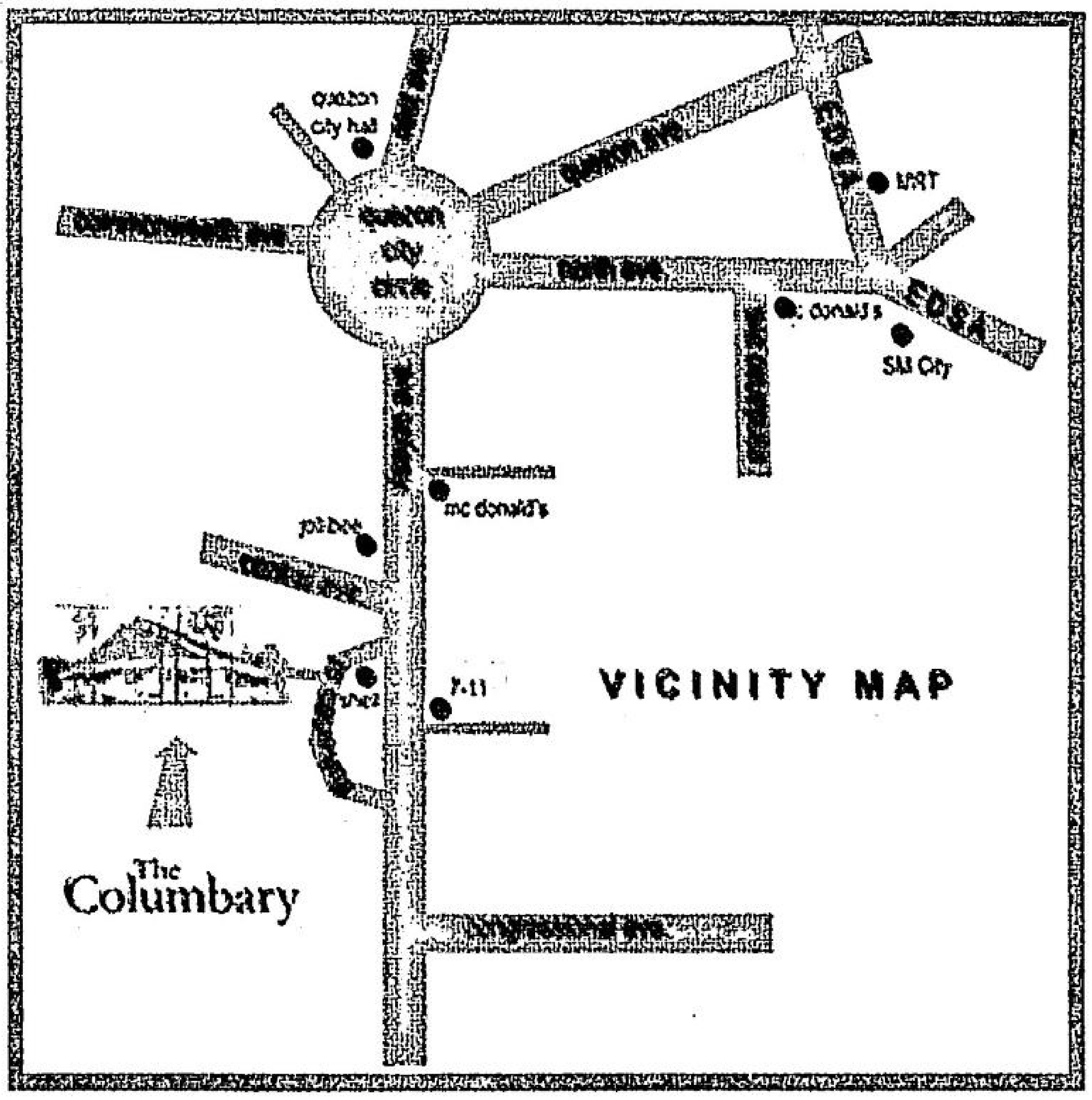
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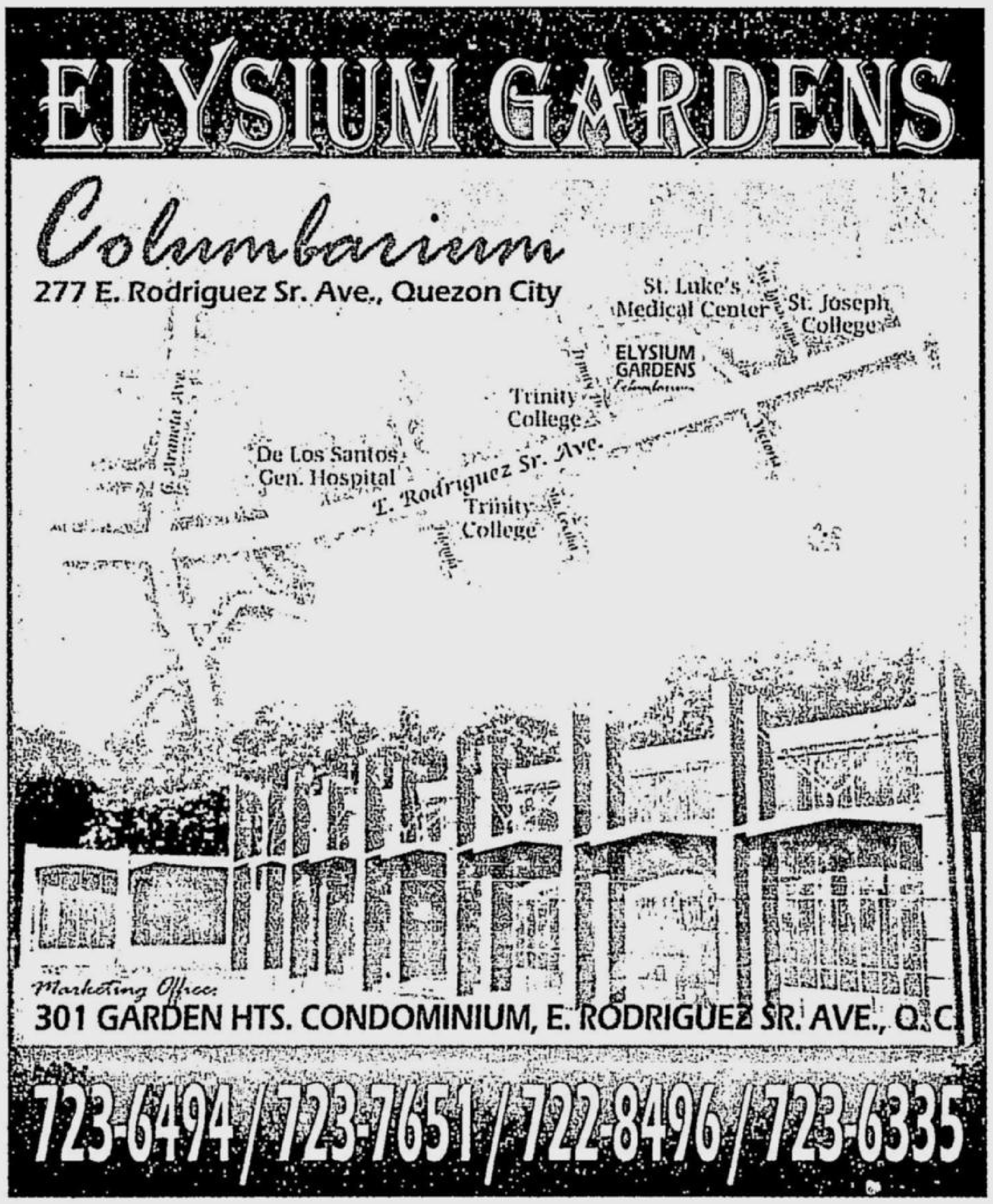
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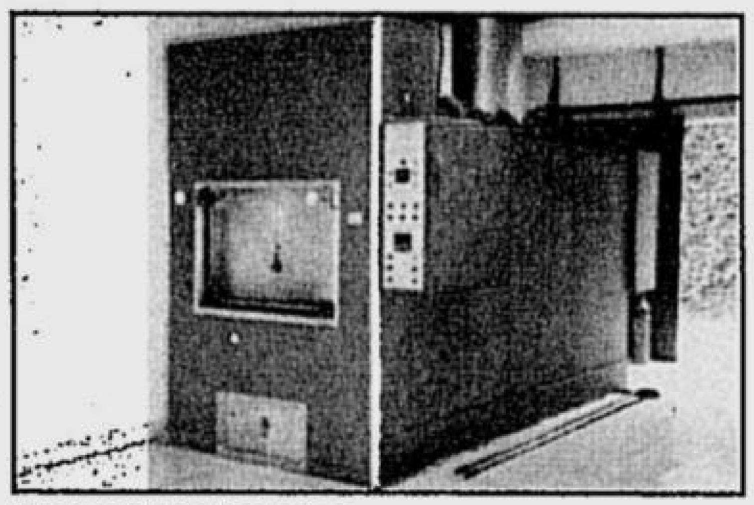

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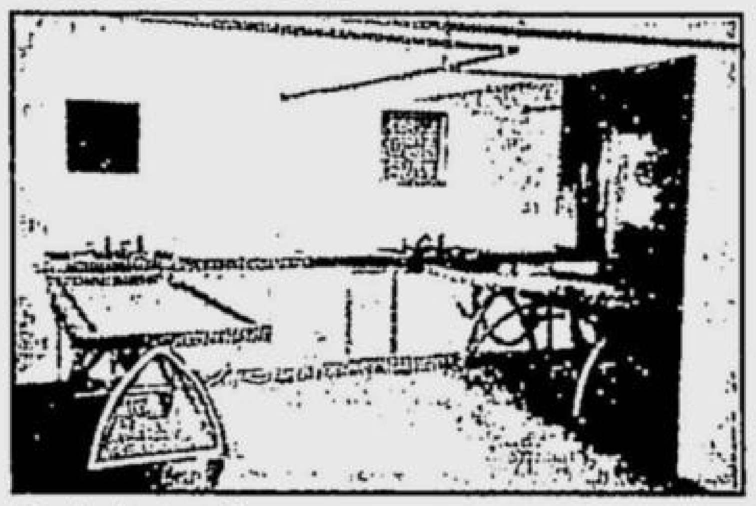

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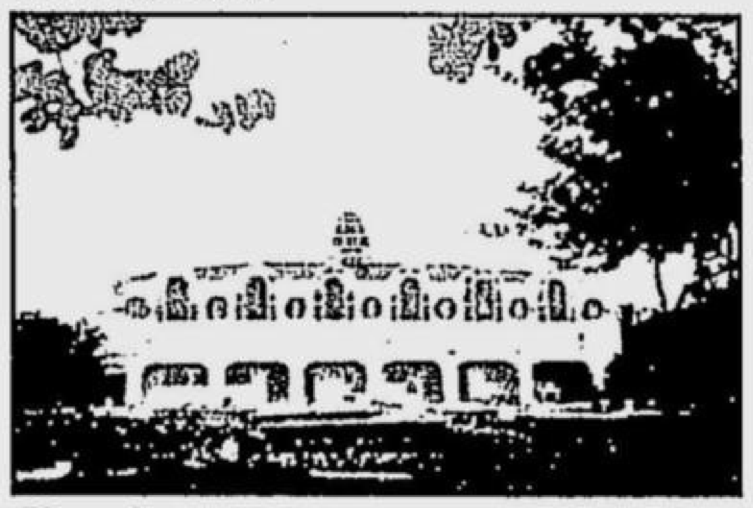

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The Columbarium will have a **Solarium Building** which will feature indoor vaults/ crypts where the natural sunlight passes through its glass walls, and a **Memorial Plaza** that will accommodate outdoor vaults where the serene garden type setting is in harmony with nature and an ecumenical chapel that can be used in memorial services.

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# Manila Memorial Park

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## *An Invitation*

***Manila Memorial Park invites you and your family to come over and visit your dearly departed and celebrate their precious memories, in prayer and fond recollection.***

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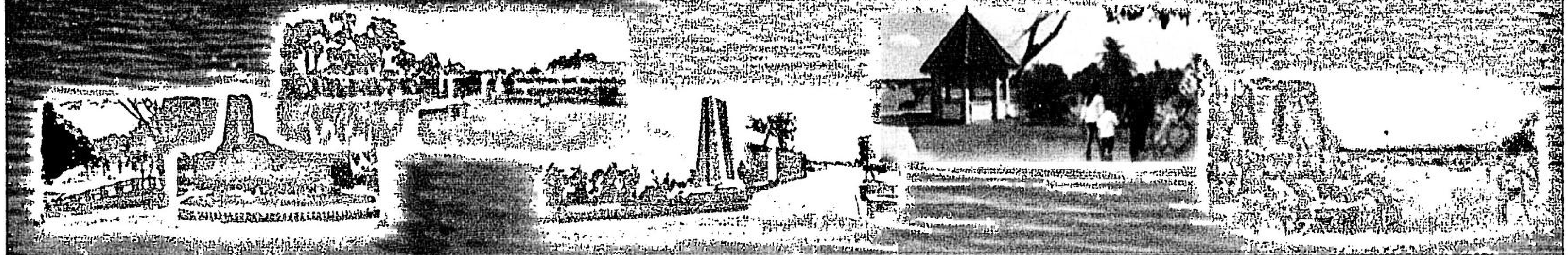

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## OUR STORY

Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes has been in the field of deathcare for the past 53 years. Pioneered by Mr. Renato Dychangco Sr., the first branch opened in Cebu in 1951 in a time when horse carriages, then known as "kalesas", were still in use.

Today, Cosmopolitan Memorial Chapels has grown into a full-service, state-of-the-art funeral home and memorial service company that focuses on premium products, facilities and quality customer service and value.

The company has come a long way since the 1950's. We stand tall on our experience and our track record of quality performance, innovation and service through the years.

OLYMPUS Mandaue City, Cebu

**1951 - Junquera, Cebu City**
Cosmopolitan Memorial Chapels opened its first branch in the heart of downtown Cebu. The business address is located at 16-18 Junquera Street, Cebu City. Through the years this pioneer branch has served as our head office and has seven memorial chapels and suites.

**1960 - Villa Abrille, Davao City**
Cosmopolitan opens in the city of Davao located in the Villa Abrille area.

**1970 - Cagayan de Oro City**
On September of 1970, Cosmopolitan established a memorial home, which included three chapel suites

**1975 - Danao Branch, Cebu**
Cosmopolitan saw the need to set-up a branch in Cebu's neighboring areas. In 1975, another branch was established in Danao, Cebu City.

PARTHENON Nivel Hills, Cebu

**1975 - Mandaue City, Metro Cebu**
Cosmopolitan started a small operational chapel in the vicinity of Mandaue as a transition into a fully operational funeral home.

**1976 - Lapu-Lapu City, Metro Cebu**
In 1976, an opportunity to open in Lapu-Lapu was offered and another memorial chapel was established.

**1980 - Argao, Cebu Province**
On February of 1980, Cosmopolitan opened in Argao to service the needs of the local community.

**1981 - Iligan City**
Cosmopolitan Memorial Homes in Iligan City features three chapels and offers affordable alternatives.

**1984 - Bogo Branch, Cebu**
Located at the tip of the island of Cebu, Cosmopolitan Bogo provides funeral services to the provincial community at affordable prices and packages.

**1990 - Carcar Branch, Cebu**
Cosmopolitan Carcar is servicing patrons in need of funeral services and caskets

**1991 - Calinan, Mandaue City**
Located in the middle of the highway, the branch opened to serve and assist in the needs of bereaved families.

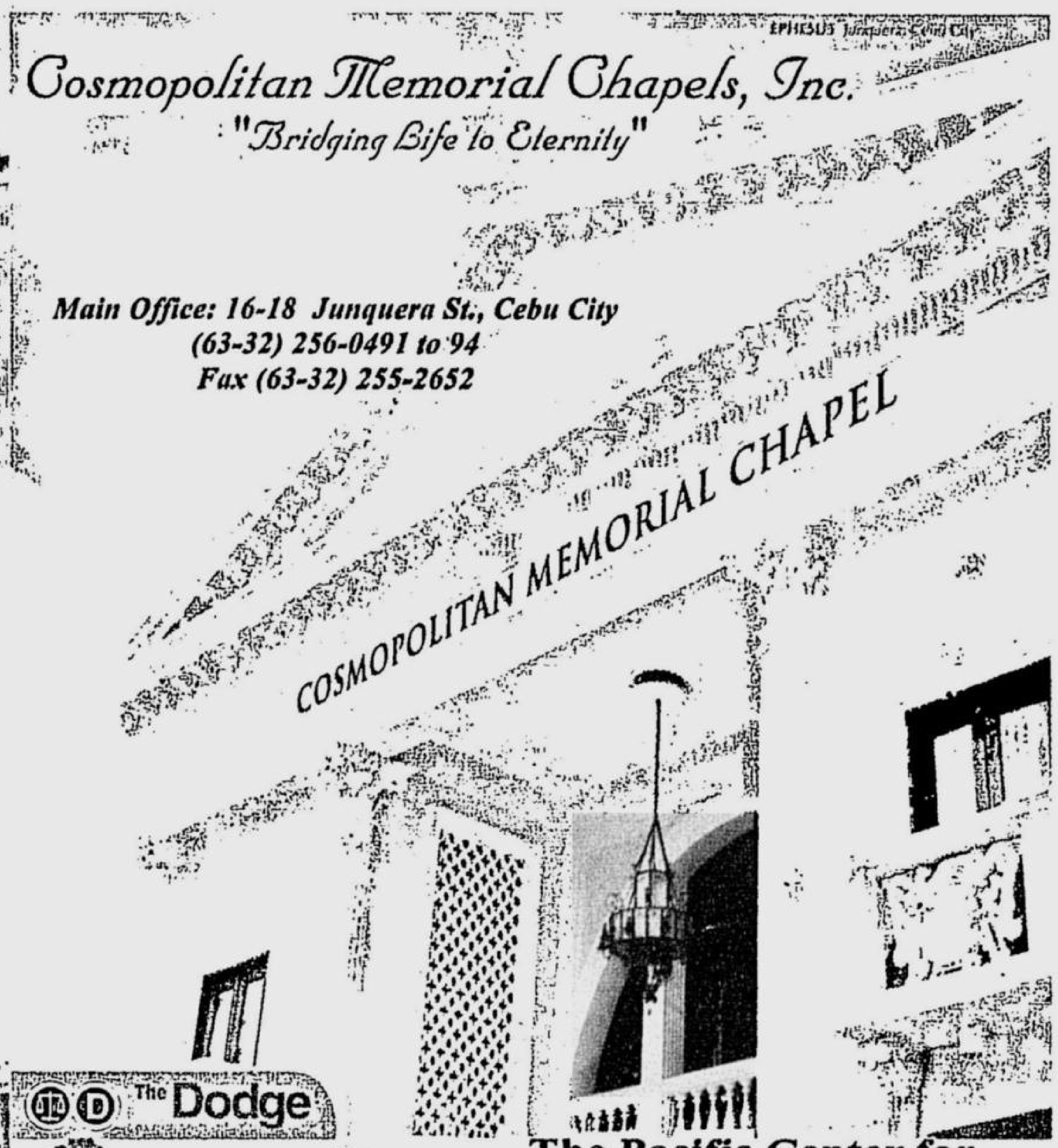
**1992 - Nivel Hills, Cebu City**
The Cosmopolitan Nivel Branch resonates of world class character and state of the art systems and technologies. The memorial home boasts of six luxurious chapels, a business centre & counseling facilities.

**1995 - Valencia, Bukidnon**
Cosmopolitan Bukidnon caters to local residents with a fully functional building and offers 2 chapel rooms.

**2001 - Ibabao, Mandaue City**
The Ibabao Mandaue branch was inaugurated in November 2001. It was said that it "boasts of class and character". The Mandaue branch holds five luxurious chapel suites

**2002 - Camus, Davao City**
The Camus branch is Cosmopolitan's pride in the Mindanao region. The branch opened in November 2002. The facilities include 18 spacious and luxurious chapels. "All the facilities and necessities can be found in a five star hotel" as quoted the Sun Star Daily Davao.

ACROPOLIS Camus, Davao City



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# Cosmopolitan unveils franchise support products and services

COSMOPOLITAN Memorial Chapels, a pioneer and market leader in the Philippine deathcare industry, will be presenting some of its major projects in support of its recently launched franchising initiative at Silent Moments 2004, an exhibition on the Philippine deathcare industry this October 8-9 at the Forum, PICC, CCP Complex, Pasay City.

Among the many Cosmopolitan exclusive products and services to be presented are products from Dodge Chemicals, international market leader for embalming and restorative chemicals and equipment, Batesville Caskets Inc., the leading casket manufacturer in the world, and the Pacific Center for Mortuary Studies, the only mortuary science training facility in Asia. Cosmopolitan franchisees will have full access to these exclusive products and services as part of their franchise package.

"We wanted to provide an excellent support system for our franchisees so we're giving them international-standard product and training support. With the proper tools and training our franchisees will have all they need to make their franchise a huge success," says Renato "Oly" Dychangco, President and CEO.

Cosmopolitan's franchising company, Cosmopolitan Cares, was launched earlier this year at the Philippine Franchise Expo last July 2004. Investor interest proved greater than expected.

With the introduction of truly professional products and skill training, Cosmopolitan reaffirms its commitment to providing only the best to its franchisees and clientele. Interested franchisees may direct their inquiries to Cosmopolitan's Franchise office at 032-231-0721.

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THE HERITAGE PARK
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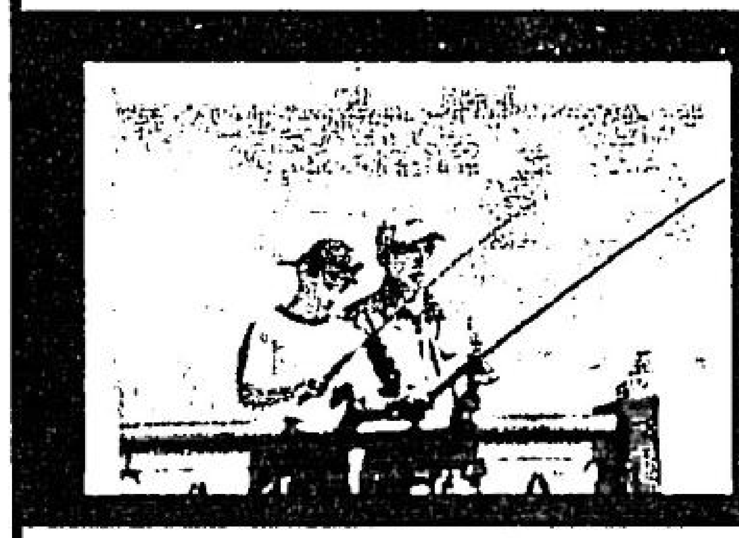
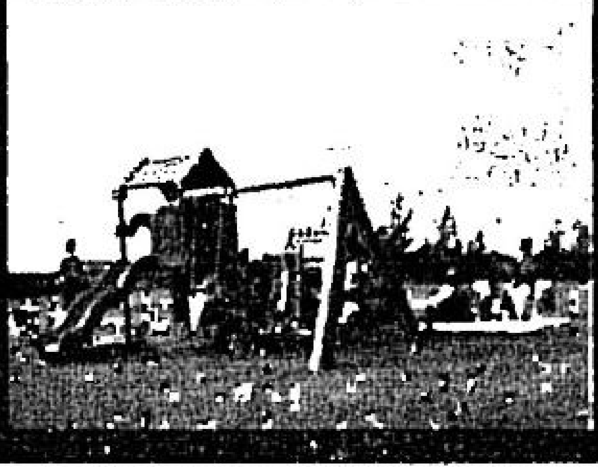
# A Celebration of Life 2004

**The Heritage Park once again invites one and all to join and be a part of A Celebration of Life '04 and give tribute to our dearly departed loved ones. This year's roster of activities promises to make the experience a memorable one for all.**





## Oct. 31-Halloween Night Family Fun

**5:30 pm: Trick or Treat**
Go trick or treating with Mom and Dad through the Park. Halloween fun guaranteed for the whole family as games and cool prizes await those who join.

**8:00 pm: Outdoor Musical Concert**
Featuring Flintstones and the Gang Listen to party band Flintstones and the Gang perform covers of popular songs from the 60's, to the 90's.

## Nov. 1-Tribute and Remembrance on All Saints Day

**10:00 am: Eucharistic Mass and Blessing of the Graves**
The solemn day of remembrance begins with the celebration of the Holy Mass at The Heritage Park chapel. The blessing of the graves promptly follows.

**2:00 pm: Christian Service**
To be held at The Heritage Park Chapel

**5:00 pm: Inspirational Talk and Candle Lighting Ceremony**
Listen to Reverend Father Mario Sobrejuanite as he discusses the beauty and joy of the human experience in an inspirational talk called "A Purpose Driven Life". Later join The Heritage Park community and participate in the moving experience that is the Candle Lighting Ceremony.

**8:00 pm: Outdoor Movie Screening**
Gather the whole family and cap the day by watching a handpicked selection of films the whole family can enjoy.

**Regular Activities from October 31 to November 2**
The Heritage Park also has prepared several regular activities that friends and family are certain to enjoy.

**Fishing at the lagoon** Test your angling skills by registering and participating in one of The Heritage Park's most awaited events. Prizes will go to the lucky angler who catches the biggest fish.

**Kite Flying** See how your kite designs and kite flying skills stand against the Park's legendary winds

**Face Painting** Join the fun by participating in The Heritage Park's Face Painting activity.

**Feng Shui consultation** Former president of the International Institute of Chinese Esoteric Sciences Studies Professor Charlie Chao shall be on hand from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 to offer his expertise on Chinese Geomancy.

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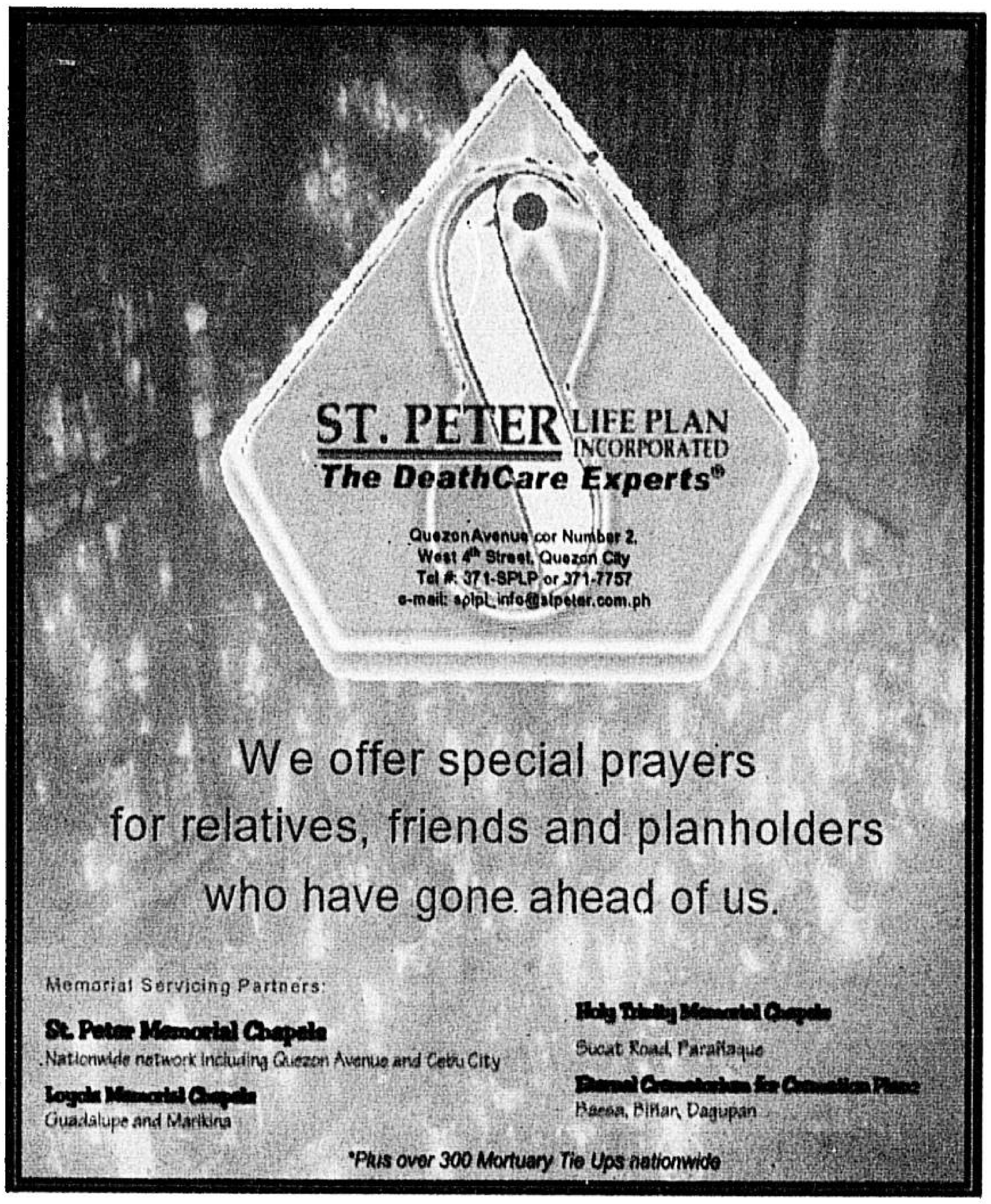

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**The Skyline Columbary** in Busay, Cebu City, is a joint venture between RDC and with EMRO International. Situated on top of a mountain 2,000 feet above the sea level, this chapel, botanical garden and columbarium is overlooking the Queen of City of the South. With a lighted, hundred foot spire, The Skyline Garden Columbary soon will become a landmark the Cebuano landscape.

**The Millenium Park and Ossuary** located at Poblacion North, Polanco Zamboanga Del Norte is a real estate property owned and developed by the Loreos Realty Corporation, a subsidiary of the Redoble Development Corporation. It is a lawn-type, non-sectarian memorial park in an aggregated area of 49,069sq.m. It is the company's first fully developed memorial park.

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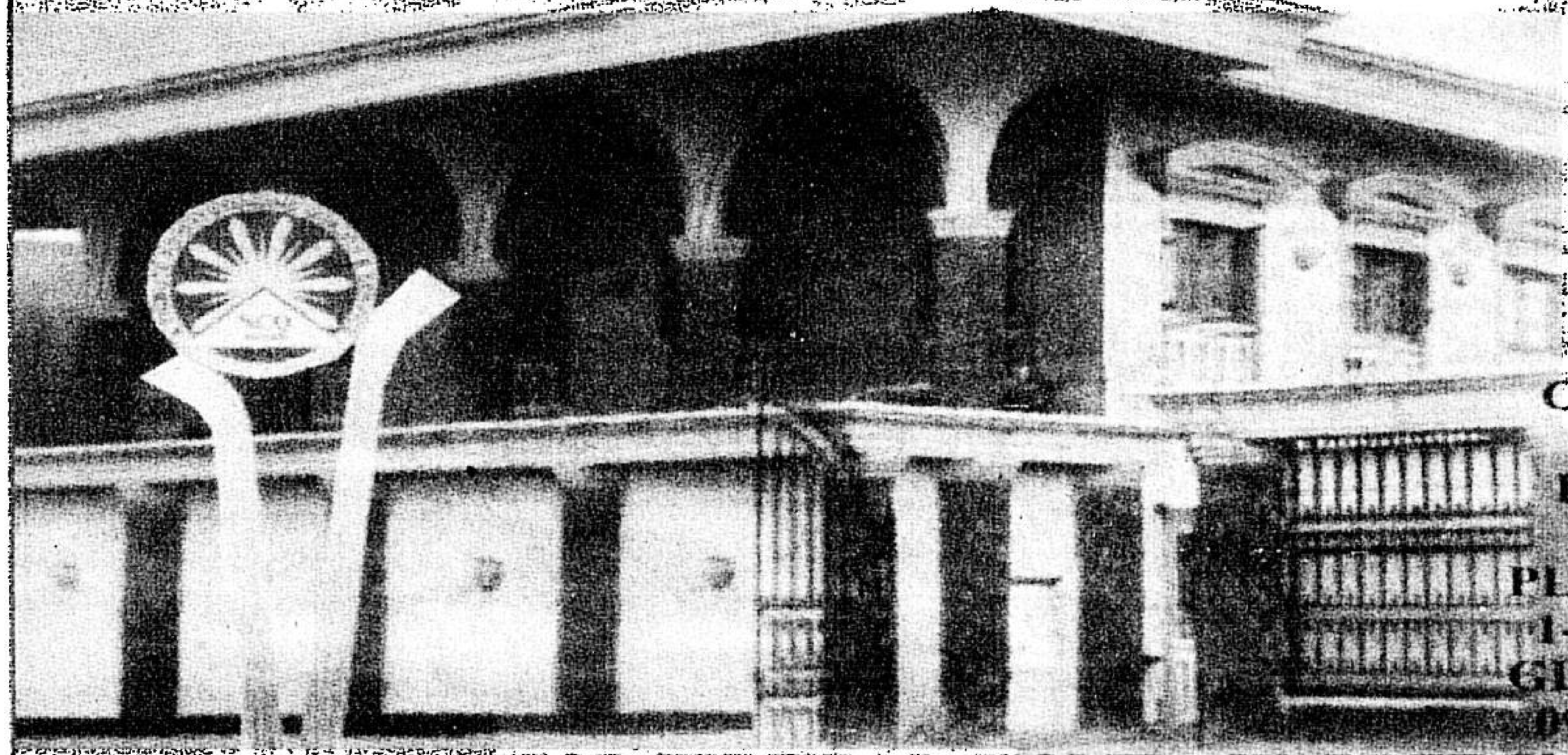

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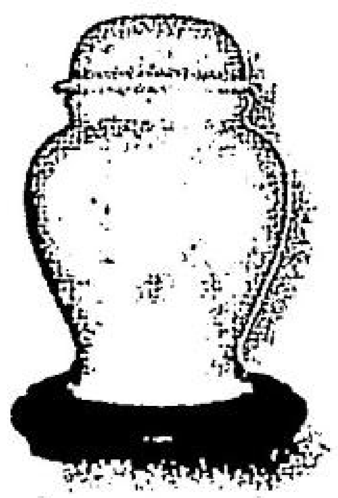

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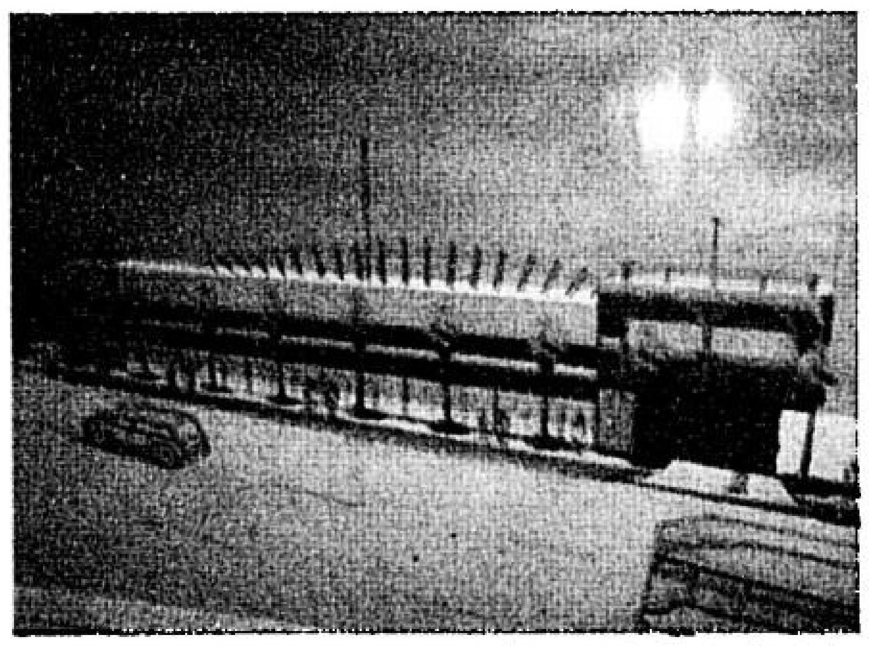

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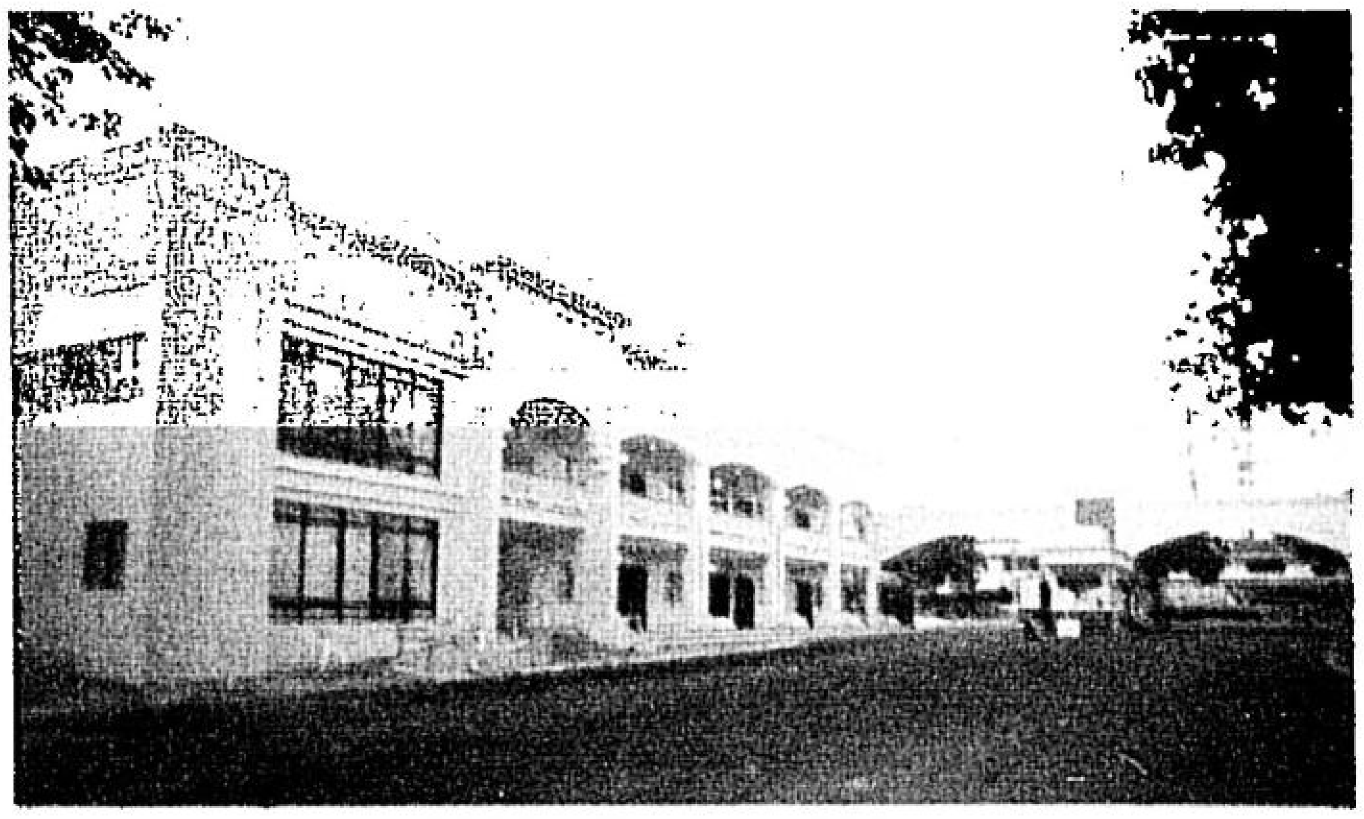

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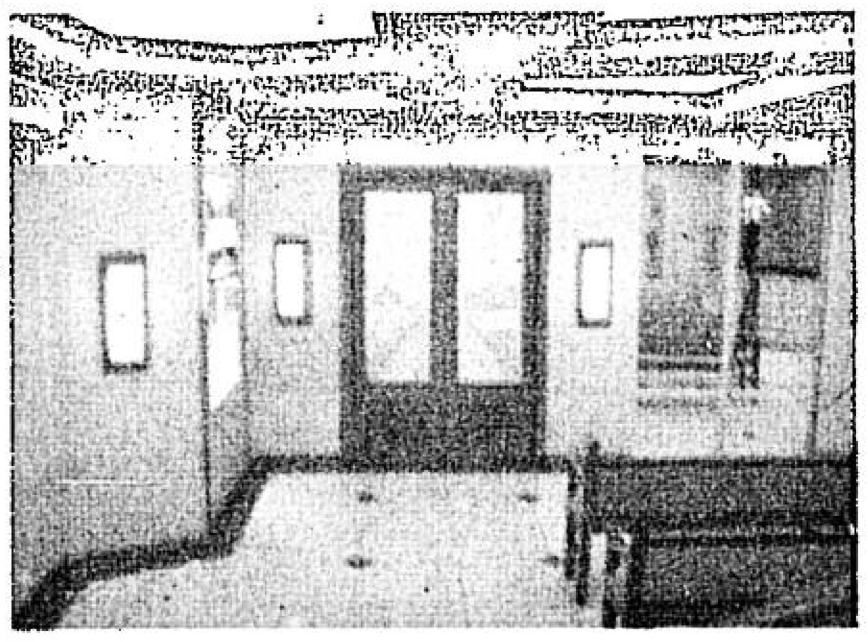

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# Innovative services for our deceased loved ones

By Joel V. Nigos

ARLINGTON Memorial Chapels Inc., which started servicing clients in 1982, can be considered new in the business when compared to other funeral firms in the country.

But its supposed "newness" in the industry does not hinder the company to offer services that are considered the best in the industry, not to mention innovative.

Reason why it serves over 2,000 families a month or on the average about 180 per month. This makes it one of the top funeral firms today.

From its original home in Rizal Avenue, Manila, to its transfer to its present home in Araneta Avenue in Quezon City, Arlington always has aces up its sleeve to serve the demand of its changing market.

Some of the innovations that it offers today include the memorialization for the dead, the holding of wakes away from the funeral chapel, tie-ups with hotels, the use of technology, among others.

Memorialization for the dead, the only one in the industry, is a way of giving tribute to the deceased by depicting his life from his youth to his golden age. This would give visitors to the wake, who are paying their last respects, idea to the life the deceased has lived during his time on earth.

Arlington also takes advantage of the use of technology. Here, visitors can sign guest books using electronic boards where immortal moments of the deceased are flashed on the screen.

Another is the holding of a wake away from the usual funeral chapel. Arlington uses garden setting, a break from the monotony of most funeral services.

To expand this concept, the company is investing P150 million for the construction of the Araneta Garden Villas, also in Quezon City. This will have four exclusive garden villas in a two-story building situated on a 2,400-meter lot.

The company is also negotiating with two nearby hotels for possible tie-ups. Company officials wanted a place for families who have wakes at the funeral chapels.

Arlington was founded by the late Nestor Lopez Jose. When he passed away in 1992, his children continued his legacy. At present, the five siblings—Cynthia, Cristina, Menchie, Carrie and Raffy—have joined together to run the company combining their various expertise in the fields of medicine, advertising, marketing and psychology.

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# Crematory services at La Funeraria Paz

By Joel V. Nigos

CONTRARY to perception that cremating our deceased loved ones is an expensive process, La Funeraria Paz offers crematory services that are not only affordable but also a practical way of interring our loved ones.

With the high cost of burying our dead the "traditional way," the mortuary believes that cremation is the answer to families when the unexpected happens. With cremation, grieving families need not worry about memorial lots or memorial parks, they only have to secure an urn where they can place the deceased's ashes.

La Funeraria Paz offers crematory services not only for human remains but also for exhumed human remains. There are different rates for adults and children and also for the exhumed human bones.

Cremation rates at La Funeraria Paz can be as low as P10,000 for human remains if the cremation service is done during regular hours, which means from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There would be additional charges if the cremation were done beyond these hours.

Cremation rate for a deceased child is only P6,500, the same rate it charges if what's going to be cremated are exhumed human bones.

There are also a wide variety of choices for urns where the family can place the ashes of their deceased loved ones. Urns can be local or imported and can be made of marble, wood, metal, porcelain or brass. Cost varies from P2,000 to P30,000. Urns, which are made from imported special metals, are the most expensive.

La Funeraria Paz began servicing the growing cremation market in 1995 when it acquired two crematory units. The mortuary used to cremate only one human remains a day but now it cremates an average of five per day. Used to be accepted only by the upper class AB groups, the process now starts to gain wider acceptance. The mortuary now also serves a growing class C market.

La Funeraria Paz has over 100 years of experience in the eternal or death care industry. Its first mortuary, which continues to service grieving families this day, is located at C.M. Recto Ave. The mortuary at Araneta Ave. was established during the 1970s while another one in Baguio was during the 1990s. It also services clients inside the Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque, for about three years now.

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# *I'll be in the mall, err, home for Christmas...*

You can count on it! Since we entered the ber months, I have been in full-time *mall-ing* mode. As if I'm not in the mall enough, but this time it's more than my usual window-shopping, sourcing and the occasional splurges. I spend more time looking for and buying Christmas gifts for my cute, loyal friends, family, and of course, to share my finds with **JUST SHOP** readers. As it turns out, I'm not the only one busy *mall-ing.* My shopping buddy, Super! Creative Director **Tim Yap** has become an honorary *JUST SHOP-PER,* for taking time out from his crazy schedule to do a special section, **JUST SHOP For Him—FLIP IT!** (Literally flip the magazine to read).

I love gift-giving. It's one way of showing how much my loved ones mean to me. It's also another excuse to stay in the malls a bit longer. I wish I'm one of those people who can come up with thoughtful last-minute gifts. The truth is, I enjoy taking my time looking for gifts. In fact, I already have boxes and gift bags prepared for each of my loved ones. Slowly, I fill each goody box or bag with special tokens such as a **small poetry book with a charmed bookmark**, or a **monogrammed pink or zebra-print, lace thong**, or a **new skin care product** I discovered that's in my can't-live-without-it-for-the-moment list. But if push comes to shove, I do have a few fool- proof gift ideas that can make any *fashionista* friend shriek "Grabe!" My faves are **chandelier earrings** so blinding they'd make any girl's outfit sparkle; a **mini champagne bottle from Marks & Spencer** with two pink straws, a velvet ribbon (that doubles as a belt or headband, mind you) with a red gift card (for a Chrismas-y feel). For guys, it's usually a six-month or a one-year (depending on my budget) **subscription to their favorite magazine.** I put the gift check in a huge box (guys, in general, like big packages, no pun intended). I wrap the box with old newspaper, and tie it up with green or red shoestring and top it off with a poinsettia flower.

The best gifts I've received are assorted little items, which when put together in a gift box, mean something. The gift becomes even more meaningful when it's sent with a handwritten note.

Ace gift-givers, whether they're acquaintances or friends, take the trouble to find out what I appreciate. I love accessories, glassware (I collect everything from champagne flutes to thick Mexican glasses to kitschy Lily's Peanut Butter floral-designed glasses), and fashion books (hint, hint, I'm kidding).

The worst gifts I've received are fruitcakes, recycled gifts (especially those with their original gift cards) and used perfume (note: new ones take a few pumps before they spritz). They are clearly an indication of how much I mean (or not) to the person, who will most likely, end up in my yuckers list.

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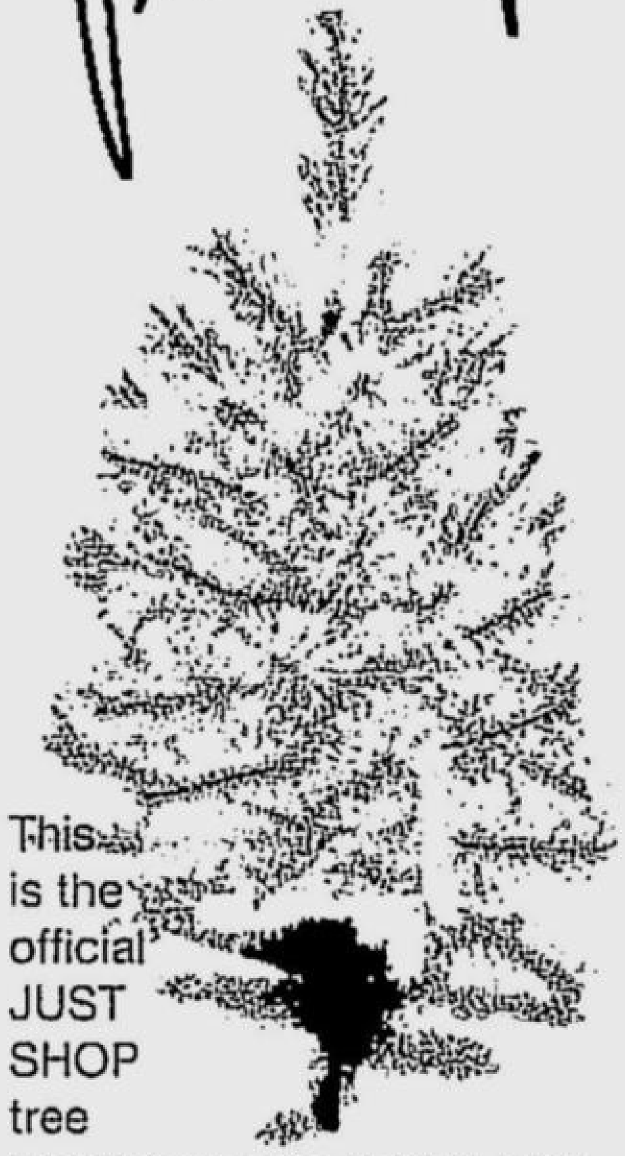

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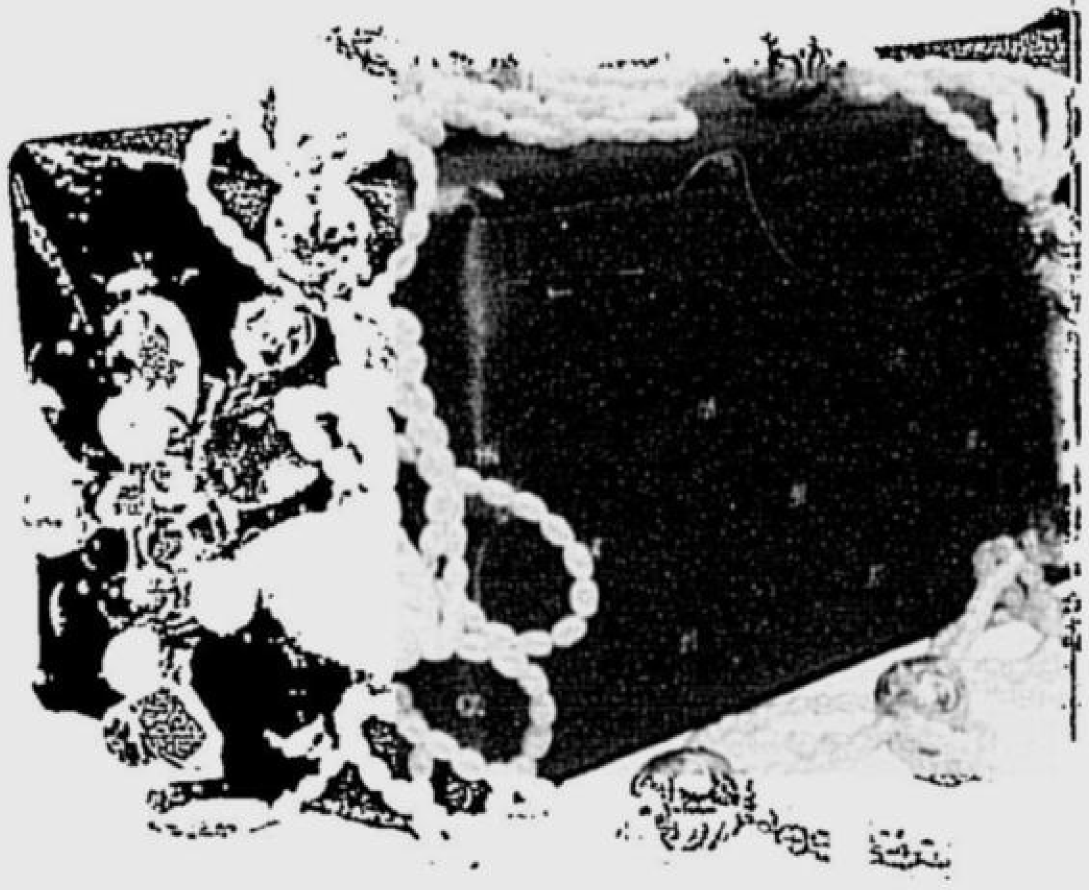
bling it on

by Amina Aranaz

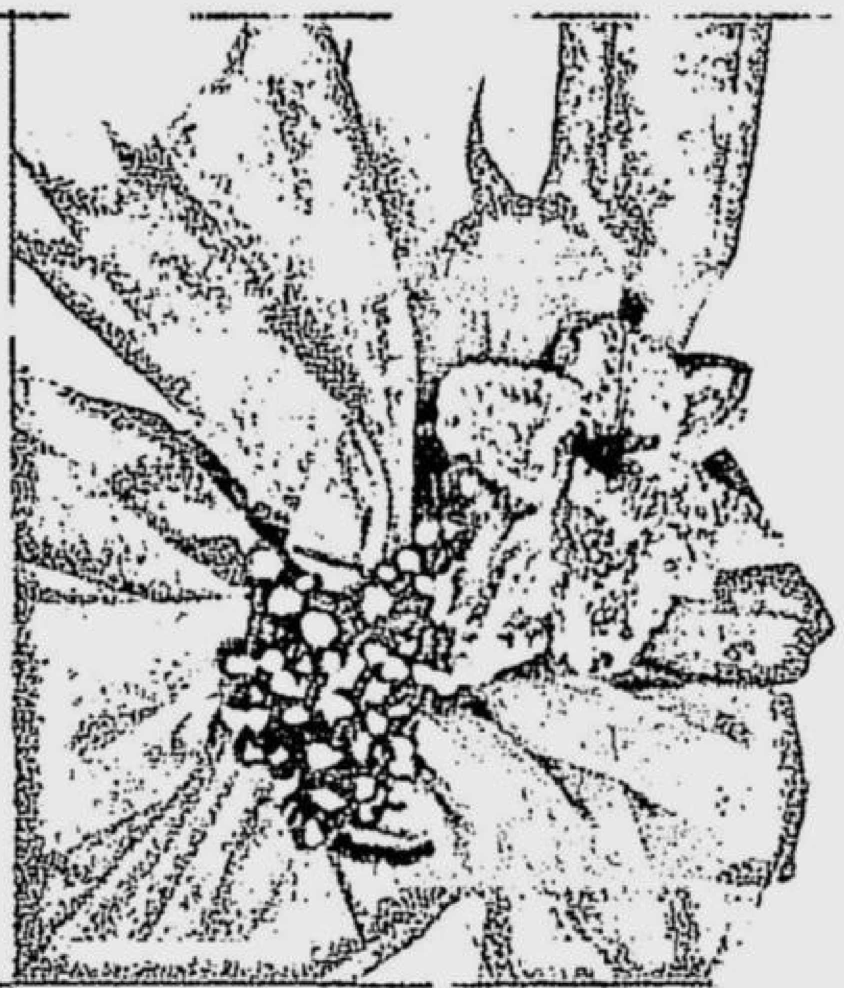
# Wrap Star



Steer clear of those boring printed paper and gaudy plastic berries. This Christmas, wrap your presents with fabulous (and useful) accessories. Packaging becomes as exciting as the surprise it has inside.

Photography **COI SAMOTH**

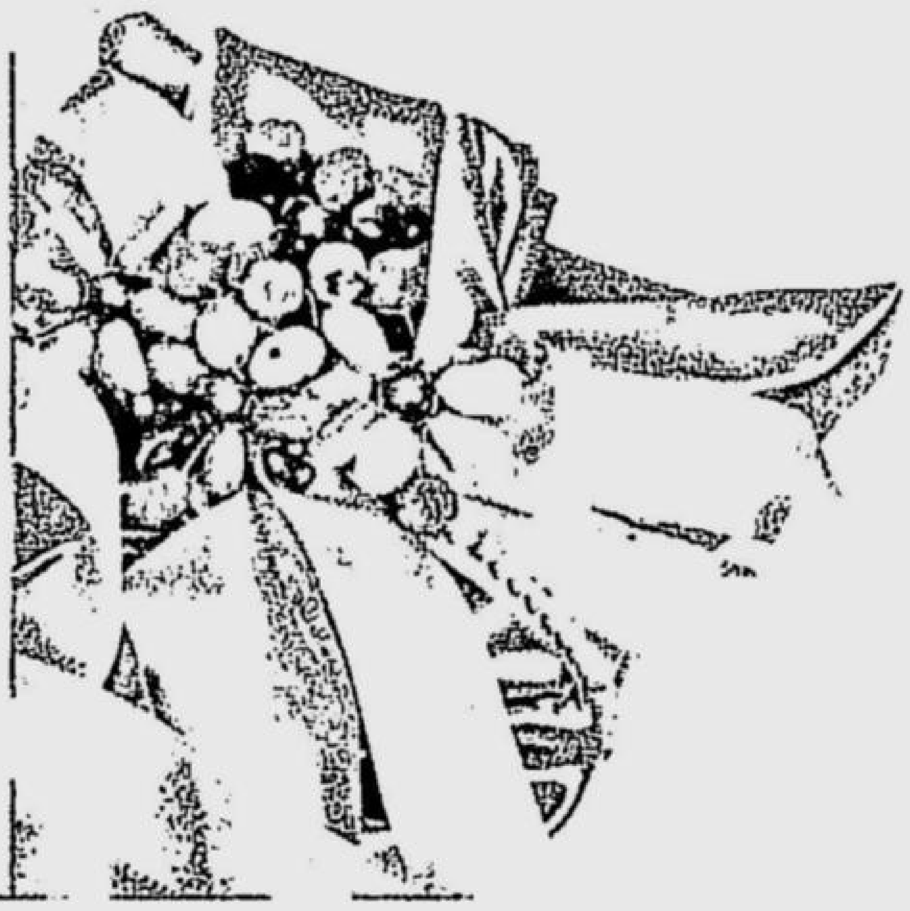
**Tickled Pink-** Pearl lariat ties it all in place! **CAROLINA'S LACE SHOPPE** tulle fabric, P40/yd; **PETITA** lariat, P900.



**Exotic India-** Metallic Indian fabric adds whimsy to your present. With woven pearl necklace and brooch--- oh, so precious! **PETITA** necklace, P2,700; **HAINEE** brooch, P300.

**Treasure Hunt-** Fabric zebra print belt ties into a useful bow accent! **A.CONSPIRACY** belt, P250; **PETITA** necklace, P2,500.

**Caped Crusader-** Satin capelet doubles as a useful and stylish wrap ( for your shoulders and as a gift)! Striking floral stone necklace makes the perfect centerpiece. **A.CONSPIRACY** capelet, price available upon request; **HAINEE** necklace, P2,000.



**Perfectly Tulled-** Silver tulle gets pretty with a rice pearl collar necklace! **FABRIC WAREHOUSE** tulle fabric, P40/yd; **PETITA** necklace, P3,100; **ARANAZ MANILA** brooch, P500.

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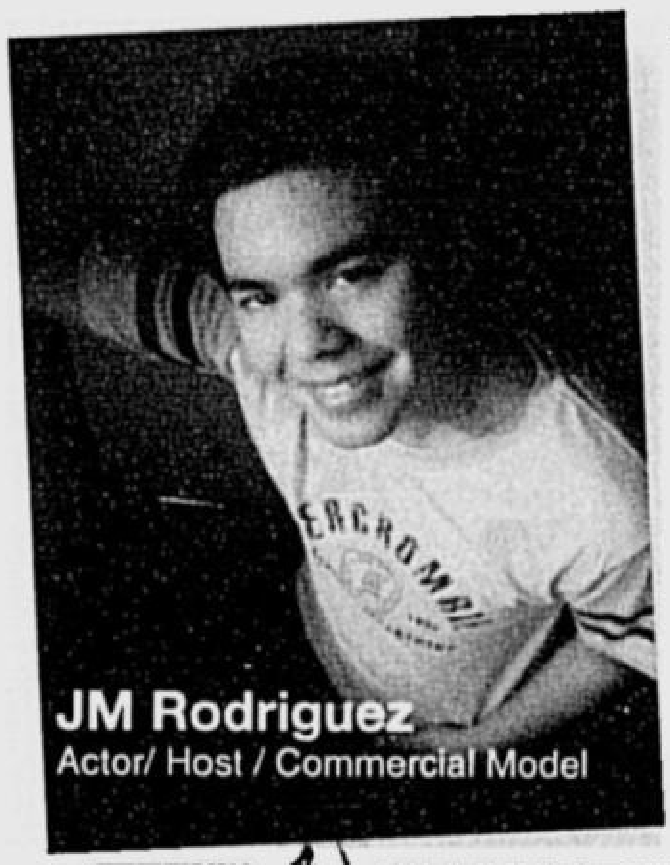
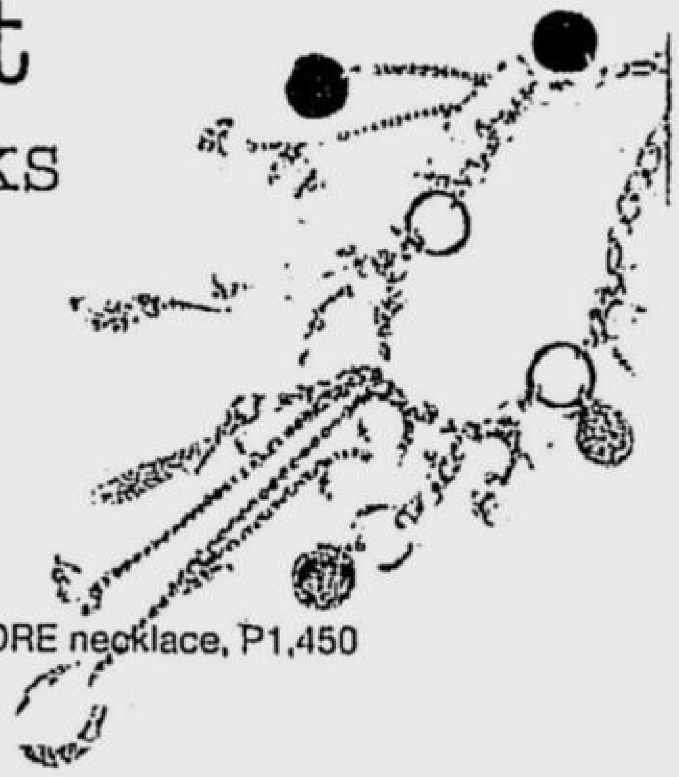
# Presents Perfect

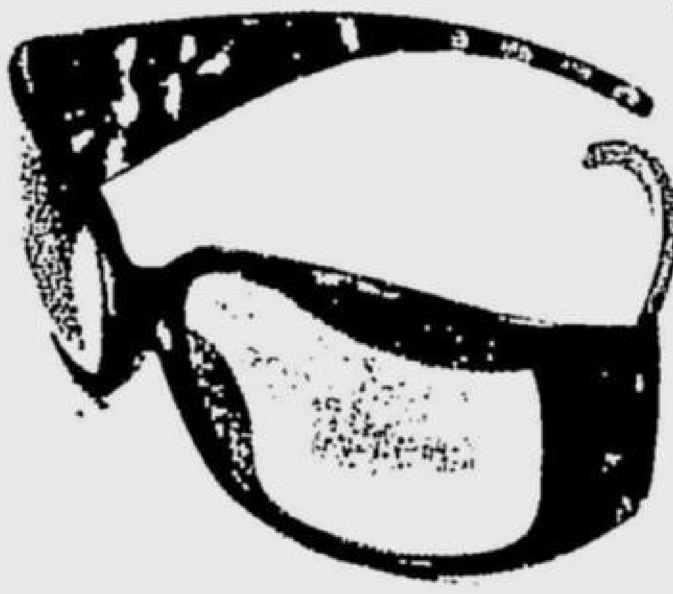
This season, break the bank or stretch that budget. From Greenhills to Greenbelt celebrity shoppers give you their coolest finds for both Lady Luxe and Ms. Penny-wise!

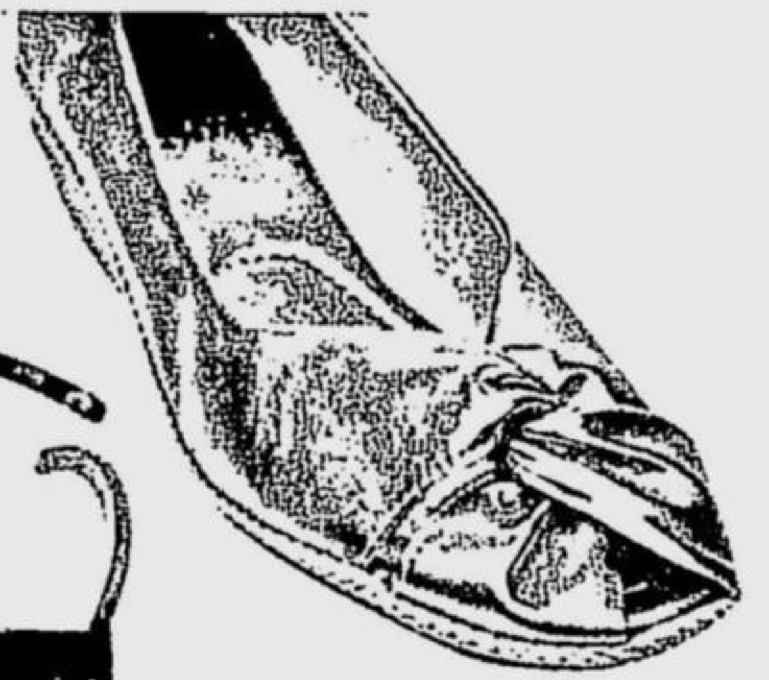
Product photography **COI SAMOTH**

## budget
### JM's picks

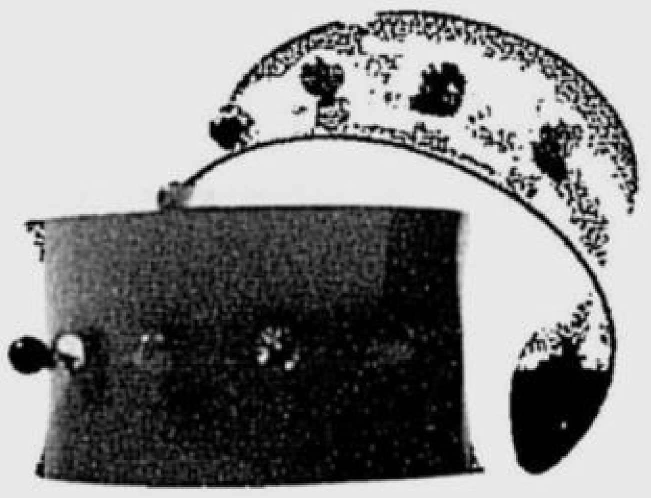

**JM Rodriguez**
Actor/ Host / Commercial Model

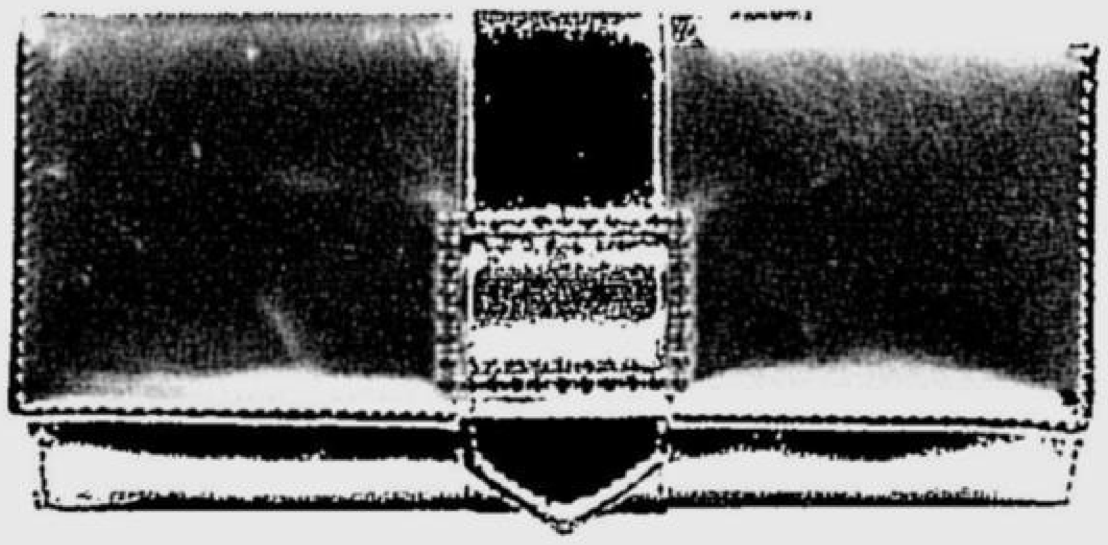

IN STORE necklace, P1,450


FABSHOP sunglasses, P550


CHECK IT OUT
shoe, P650

IN STORE tank top, P550


FABSHOP bangles,
P299 each


HIP STOP wallet, P980

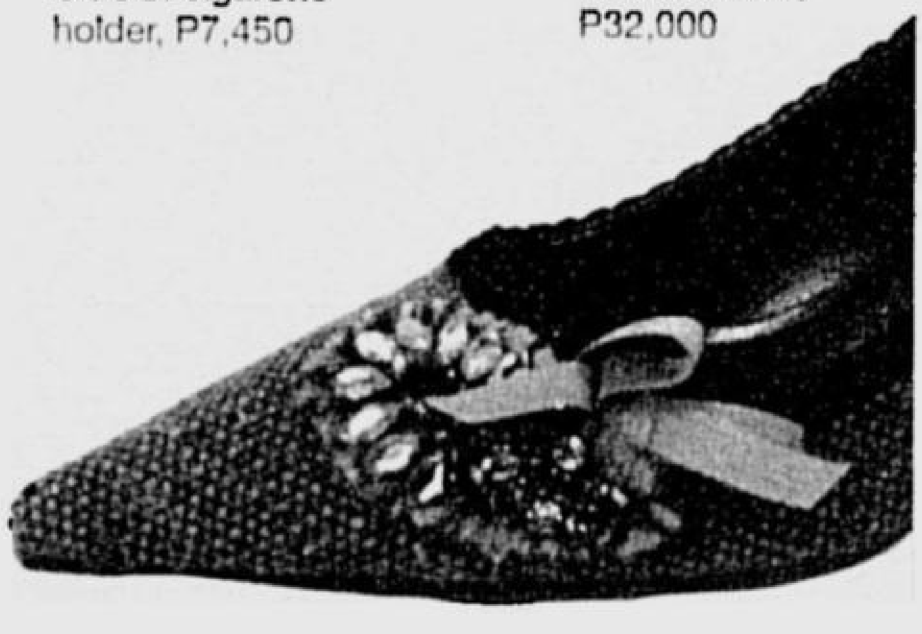
## blowout
### Angelique's picks

**Angelique Villaraza**
Public Relations Manager,
Professional Products Division,
L'Oreal. Phils.

PAUL SMITH
scarf, P8,300

LOUIS VUITTON
Dhanura bag,
P65,000

GUCCI cigarette
holder, P7,450


PRADA shoe,
P32,000

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MARGAUX
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CLASSE 1994,
P30,190, TERRY
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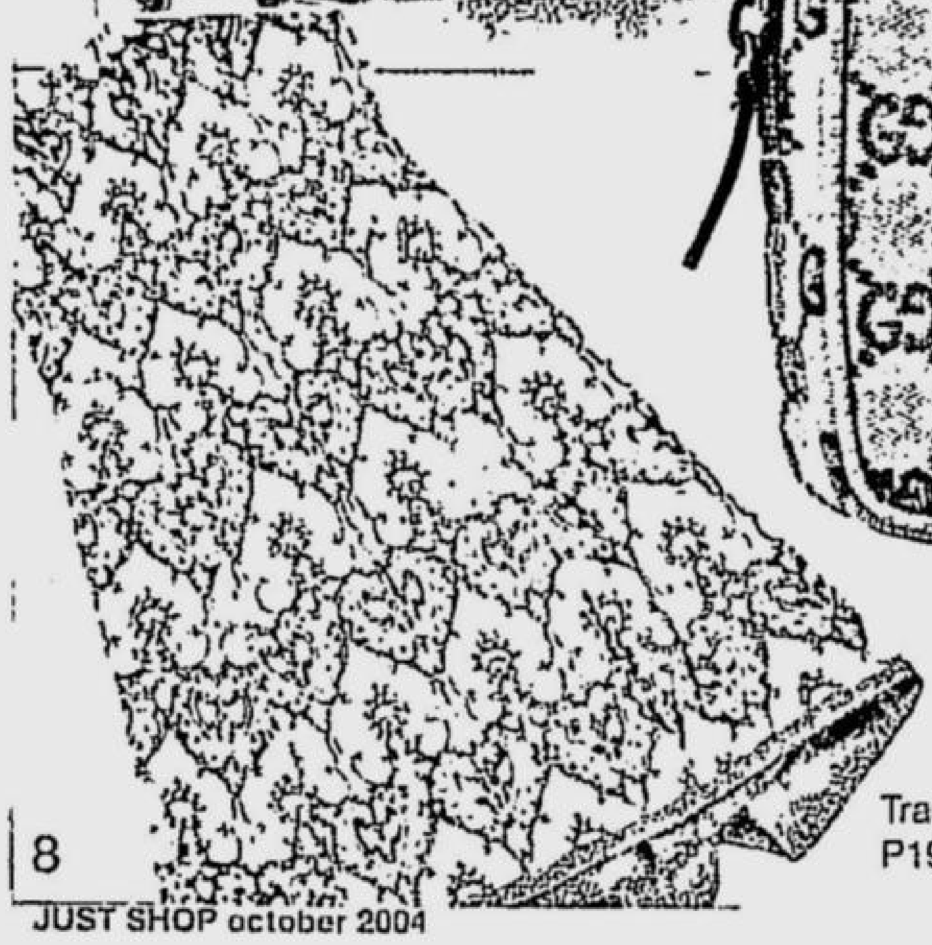
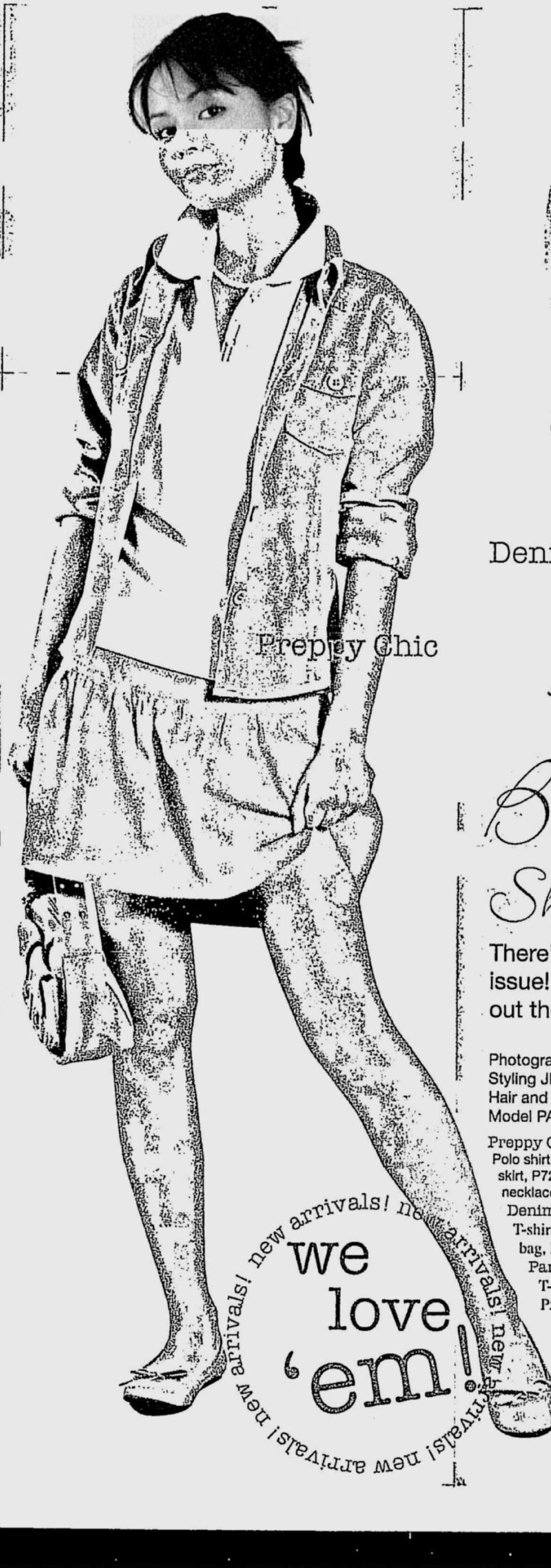
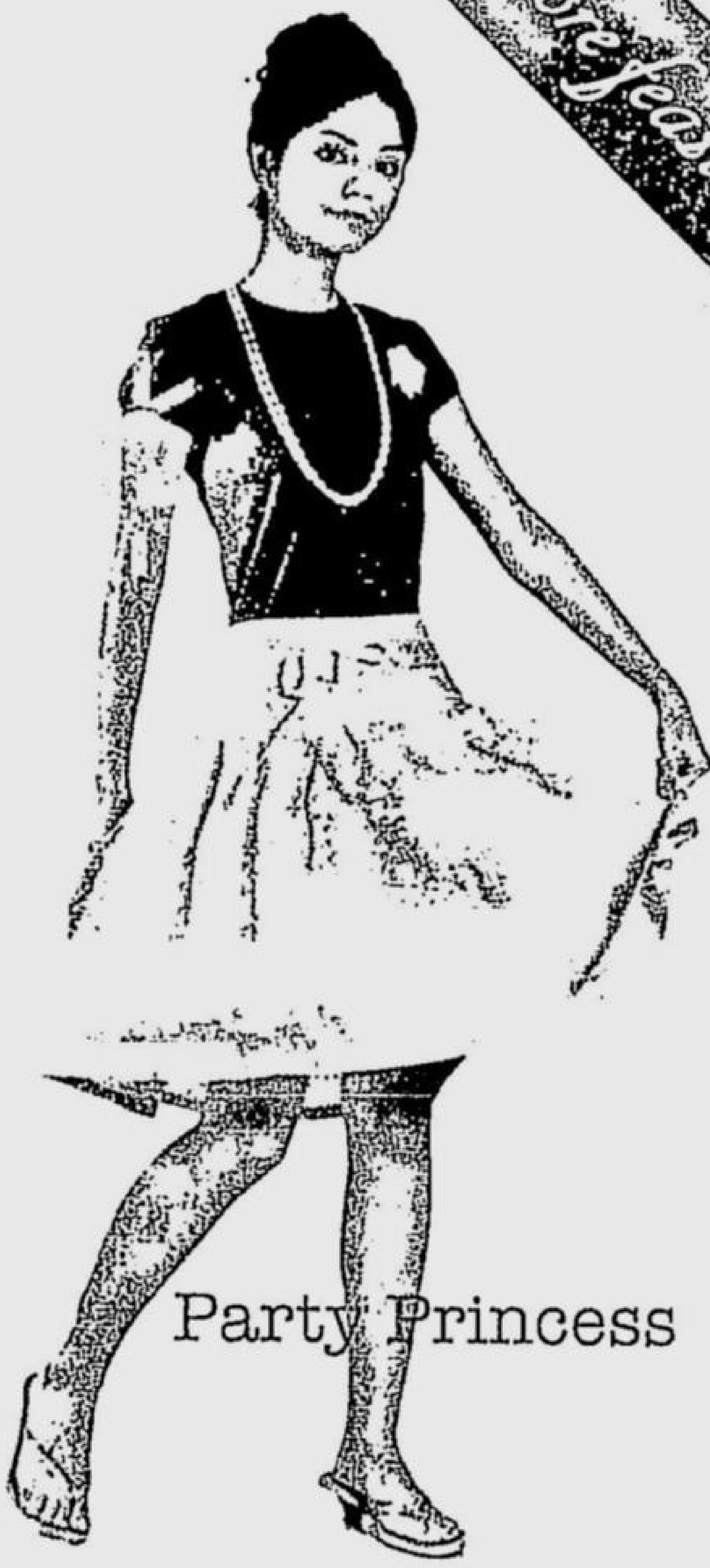

Tracy Reese dress,
P19,999, MIX



Preppy Chic

Denim Diva



Party Princess

# Bayo Skirts It!

**There's no skirting this issue! Four looks to bring out the girl in you!**

Photography COI SAMOTH
Styling JENNI EPPERSON
Hair and Makeup BENJIE ANGELES
Model PAULA DEL ROSARIO

Preppy Chic
Polo shirt, P595; long sleevedshirt, P955; skirt, P725; shoes, P899; bag, P599; necklace, P245.

Denim Diva
T-shirt, P395; jacket, P1,195; skirt, P575; bag, P599; necklace, P399.

Party Princess
T-shirt, P445; skirt, P745; shoes, P595; pin, P175; belt (used as necklace), P599.

Boho Babe
Long sleeved shirt, P745; skirt, P725; shoes, P899; necklace, P399.

Boho Babe

we love 'em!

new arrivals! new arrivals! new arrivals! new arrivals! new arrivals!

# Let the (holiday) shop-a-thon begin

By: Anielle Santos

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way......On my quest for that perfect brooch to complete my Holly Golightly ensemble this Halloween, I'm deafened by that all too familiar carol blasting from through the mall speakers. Indeed, it signals the start of my favorite time of the year-- more popularly known as the "Shop 'til you drop" season. Santa's elves are marching in to ignite the mad shopper in me. If there is a prime time for shopaholics, the Christmas season is it! There are mall-wide sales, bazaars and tiangges popping left and right, making it hard for shoppers to decide what to do (or what to buy).

Of course, not everyone regards Christmas the same way. In fact, a really good friend of mine gets migraines just thinking about the crowded shopping centers, traffic jams, Christmas lists, and the stress from fighting one's way through the mall madness.

The trick to stress-free shopping is to have the right frame of mind. Silly as it may sound, shopping is like a sport. Crowds, traffic and the Christmas rush are part of the game. You can't let these things get you down. Put your game face on and play hard! As with any sport, you have to come prepared. I prepare for my shopping trips by being in the mall, tiangge or bazaar, before or as soon as it opens, and by making sure that I have everything I need and NOTHING MORE. Believe me, carrying 10 pounds of packages while making your way through a dense crowd of people may be a good cardio, but with sky-high shoes on, it makes for one giant shopping *disasterouch!* So be smart and conquer the mall scene with your favorite *Havaianas* for instance!

Keep in mind that your offense has to be just as good as your defense. By offense, I mean how well or efficiently you shop. And by defense, I mean how you are able to take control of unforeseen obstacles (like getting distracted by a to-die-for bag you want for yourself when you're supposed to be shopping for a gift for Dad). My mom put it well when she said, "A smart shopper shops with open eyes and an open mind." In that one statement, she summed up what a person really has to know about shopping: Be practical and cautious, be flexible in what you want, and be assertive in getting what you deserve.

On a final note, what makes a game worth playing is the fun you have doing it. Shopping is fun! Or at least it can be if you try to look at it positively. If you enjoy shopping with friends, then you can make an activity out of it. Meet in the mall early, do some shopping, catch up on each other's lives, and then reward yourselves with the creamiest, most delectable Frappucino for doing all that "exercise." On the other hand, if you're a solitary shopper like me, then use your shopping trips as personal time. Be creative and think out of the box. Shopping can serve as a venue to be resourceful and creative in finding the right items for you, your family members and friends.

This Christmas, look forward to shopping instead of seeing it as a chore. As the song goes, "It is the most wonderful time of the year."

## Top 5 Christmas Shopping Tips

1. **Be an early bird.**
Shopping centers can get crowded in the latter part of the day. Arrive at the mall right before it opens to get the best selection of the merchandise (not to mention a parking slot).

2. **Get Real.**
Don't exceed your budget (or at least TRY not to). Decide on how much you are willing to spend, and just bring that amount -- no more, no less.

3. **Show me the money!**
Be sure you have cash before heading to the mall or any bazaar so you avoid having to queue at the ATM.

4. **Better watch out... so you don't cry.**
Do not leave your wallet, packages, cell phone, or other personal belongings on the counter or anywhere a pickpocket can have access to them.

5. **Keep your receipts.**
Ask about refund and return policies for regular and sale items. Keep all of your receipts just in case you need to return or exchange items..

## Shop Girls

### Xeng Zulueta

**Chief Makeup Artist, Shu Uemura**

JUST SHOP What's the best budget gift to give this Christmas?
XZ For the budget gal the I have to recommend the SWEET LIP GLOSS MINI TRIO KIT. For P1,000 you get SHU UEMURA'S 3 best-selling shades: Cherry, Mandarin, Raspberry in mini tubes.
JS And the best blowout gift?
XZ Hands down it's the Limited Edition RED MAKEUP BOX for P18,995. Already with a waiting list, it's an absolute must-have! You can use it as a travel bag or be the most up to date makeup junkie around.
and

### Selin Tekeli

**Managing Consultant, Mango**

JS: What's the best time to go shopping?
ST: Definitely in the mornings when the store is less crowded... Especially during the sale. And every 2 weeks because that's when we get our new shipments.
JS: What's the best gift to give from MANGO?
ST. A MANGO bag!

### Daisy Doctolero

**Store Manager, Topshop Shangri-La Plaza**

JS What's the best time to go shopping?
DD Weekends are still the best time to go shopping because you're more relaxed and you can take your time looking around a shop. But go in the morning when there's definitely less people.
JS What's the best gift to give from TOPSHOP?
DD People love to receive cute knickers! And for the Christmas season we'll even put it in a TOPSHOP Gift Bag.

Tank top, P349.75, men's boxer brief, P279.75, both from **BENCH BODY**
**GIRL SHOPPE** jean chain (used as necklace), P250 each

# Shining Star

Bench Body model and actress, Francine Prieto unwraps her Christmas wish list and more.

Photography **TOM EPPERSON**
Styling **JENNI EPPERSON**
Hair and Makeup **HENRI CALAYAG** of H-Salon

On the cover Francine wears
Tank top, P109. Bra, P399.75. Underwear, P149.75. All from **BENCH BODY. COLOR STONE** clip, P1,200. **GIRL SHOPPE** earrings, P295. **CAROLINA'S LACE SHOPPE** gloves, P220

**Christmas is for...**
everyone!

**Early shopper or last-minute buyer?**
Definitely a last-minute buyer. There are more choices the nearer it gets to Christmas. And the sales!

**Budget hunter or luxe buyer?**
It depends on the person I'm giving it to and if I like him/her a lot then I splurge.

**The best thing about gift-giving is...**
when the person who got the gift says, "Oh, she remembered me."

**The best thing about receiving a gift is...**
that someone remembered me! It makes Christmas more special.

**The best gift I've received...**
is a laptop which just made my Friendster even more accessible!

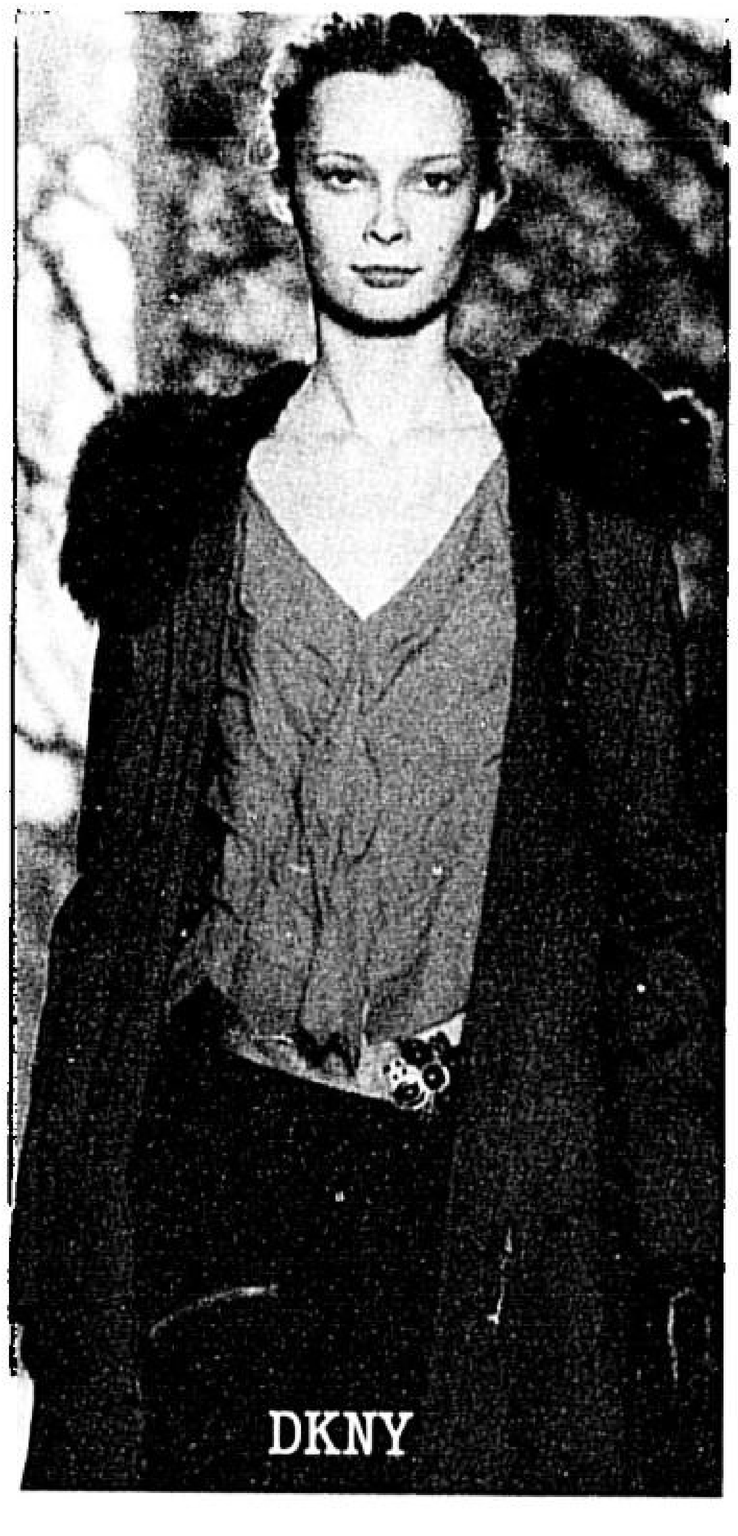
**Top 10 items in your Christmas wish list?**
1. Spa gift check
2. A pair of diamond earrings
3. Makeup
4. Smallest digital camera available
5. Shoes...size 10 please!
6. A **LOUIS VUITTON** Papillon bag
7. **KENZO** perfume
8. Pink **iPod mini**
9. Gold charm bracelet
10. A boyfriend!

**Top 10 items you love to give?**
1. Beauty products
2. **BENCH** products
3. Ham
4. Chinese red envelope with money, of course
5. Bags
6. Fruits
7. Accessories
8. Perfume
9. Toys
10. Books

**In giving and receiving remember that...**
it's the thought that counts. It's not about the price or brand.

# Furry nice

Give yourself a swanky winter style!



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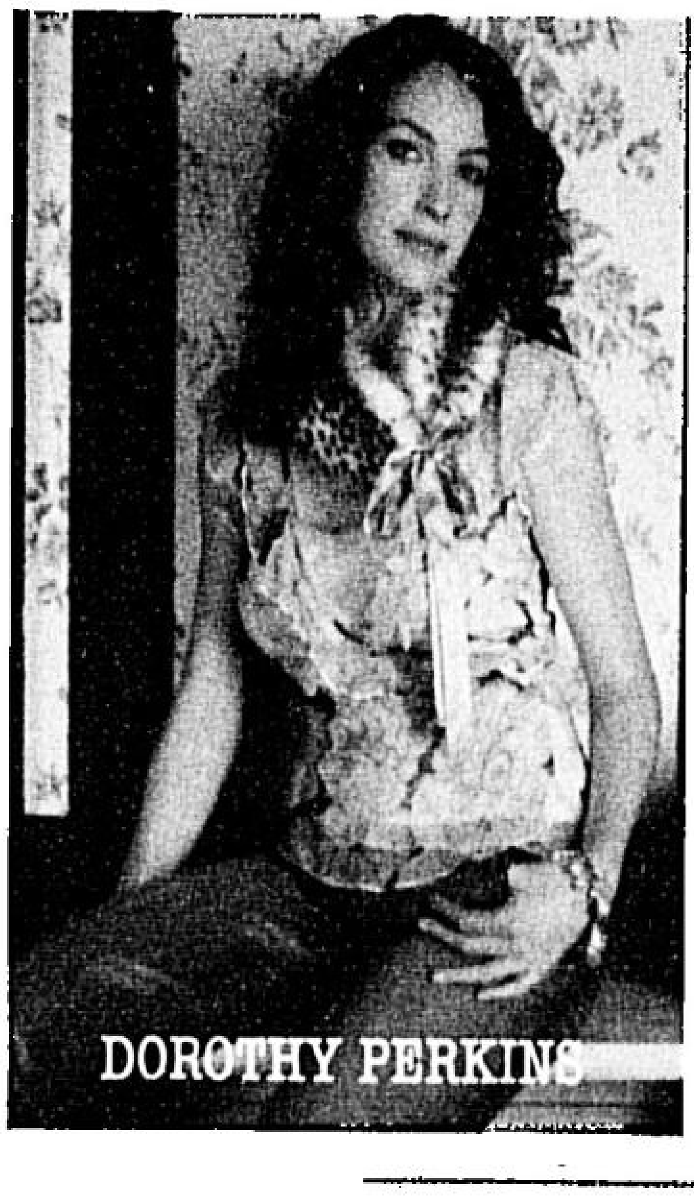

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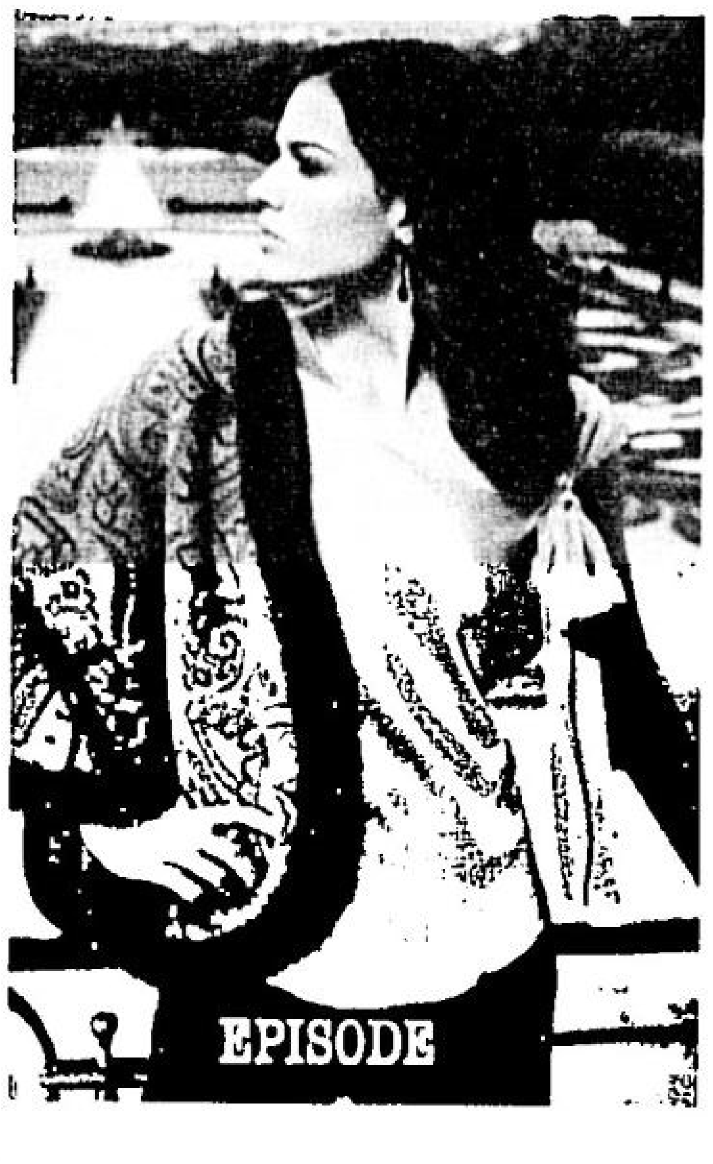

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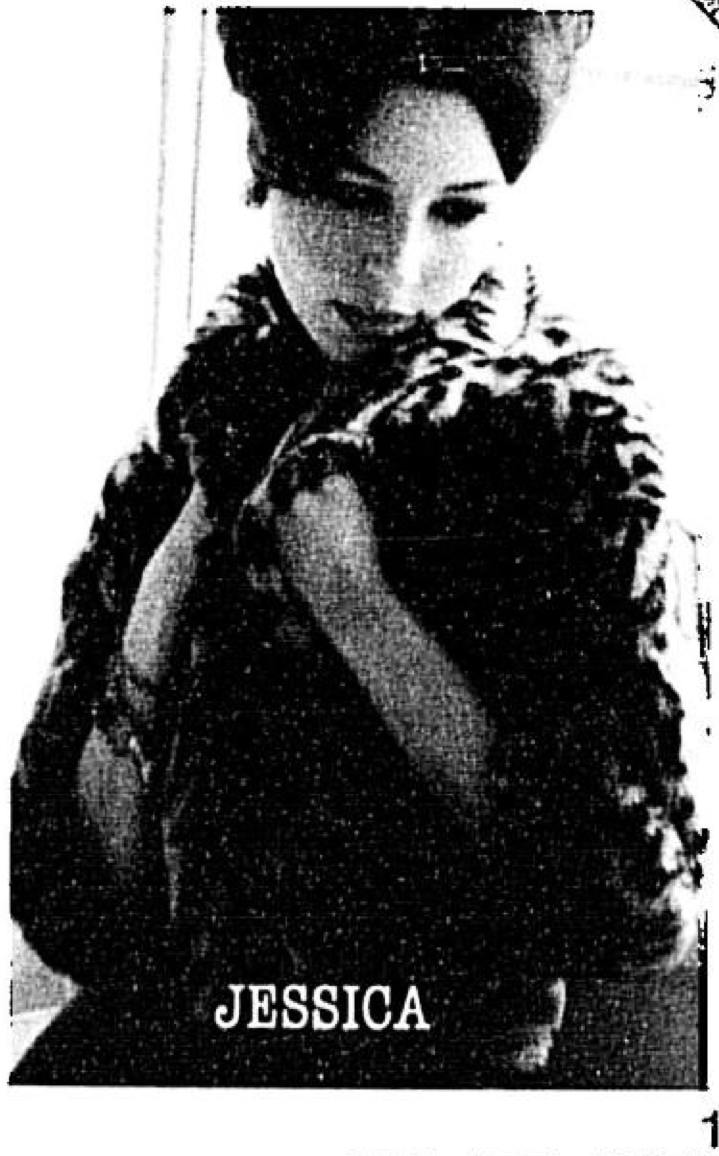
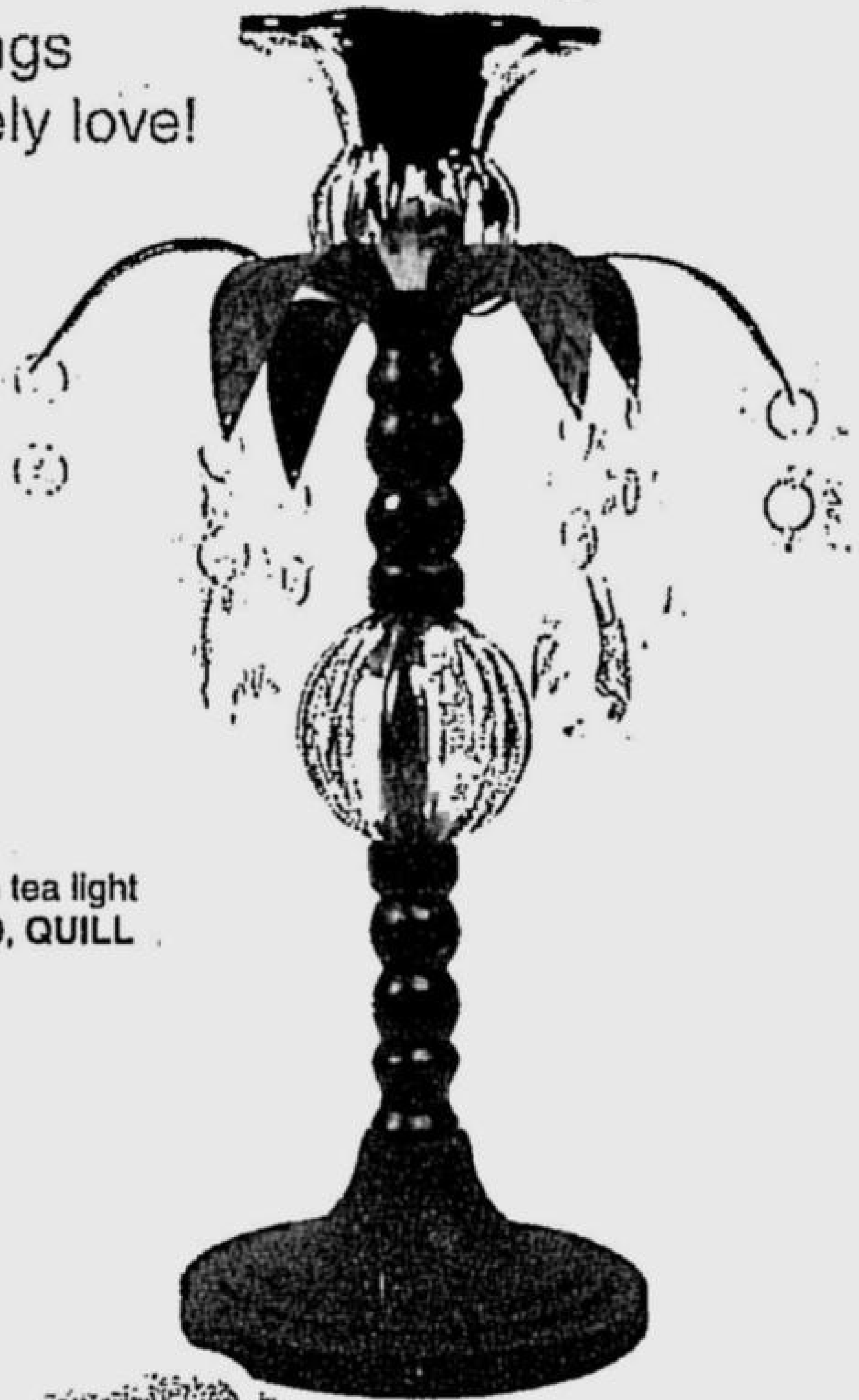


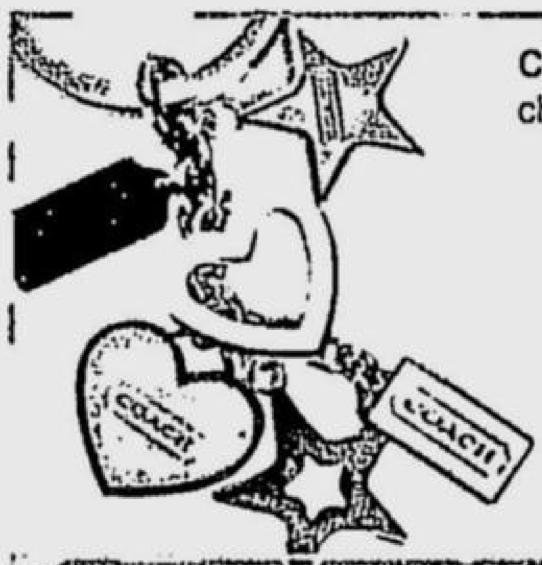
JESSICA

# Sis/Girlfriend/Daughter

Pretty things
she'll surely love!

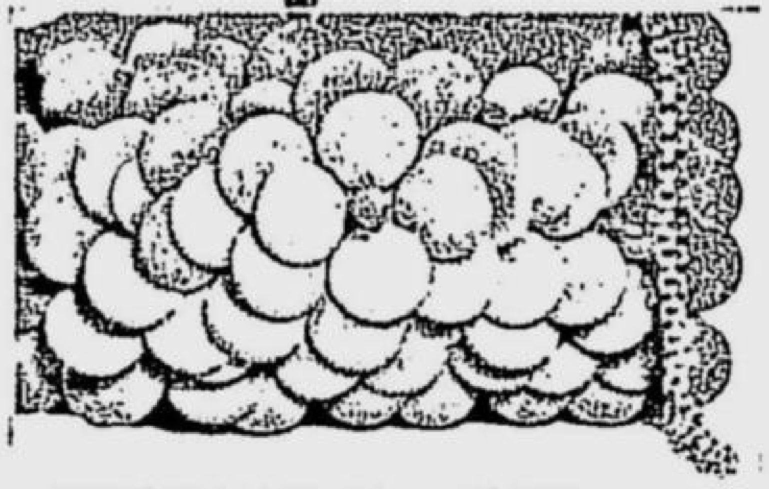


Kare Design tea light holder, P950, **QUILL**

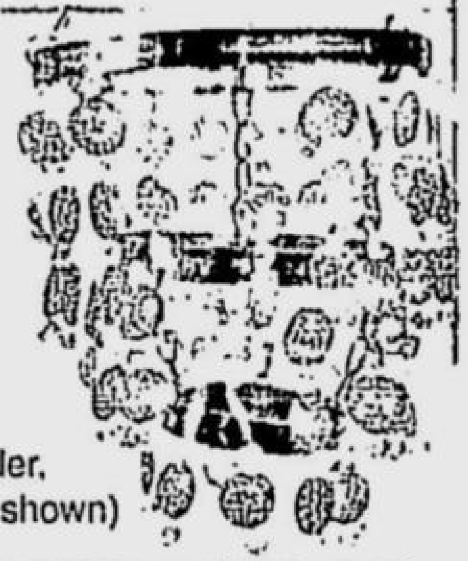


**COACH** key chain, P2,950

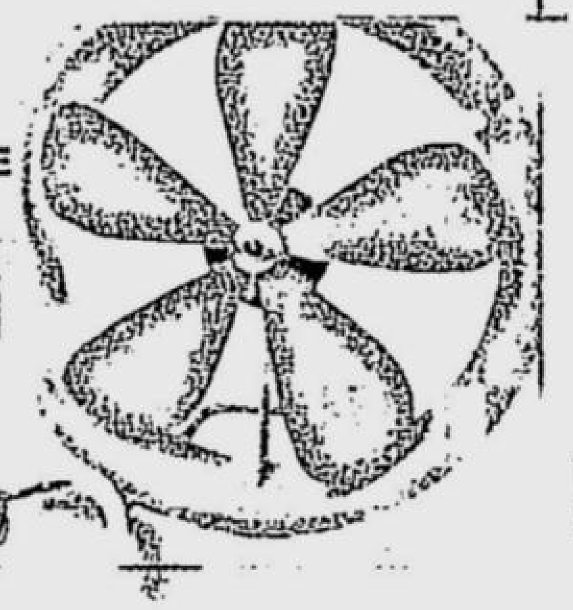
A. J. Morgan eye glasses, P3,050, **SIMPLE PLEASURES**



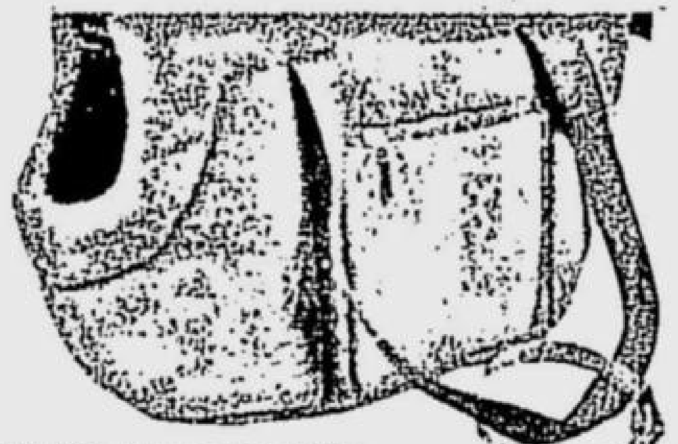
**ARANAZ MANILA** bag, P1,300



**KISH** tea light holder, P2,000 (stand not shown)



Lexon desk fan, P3,895, **DIMENSIONE**

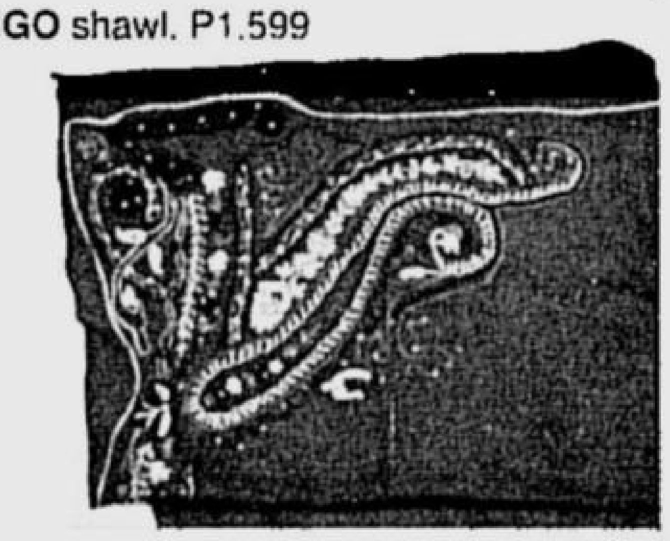


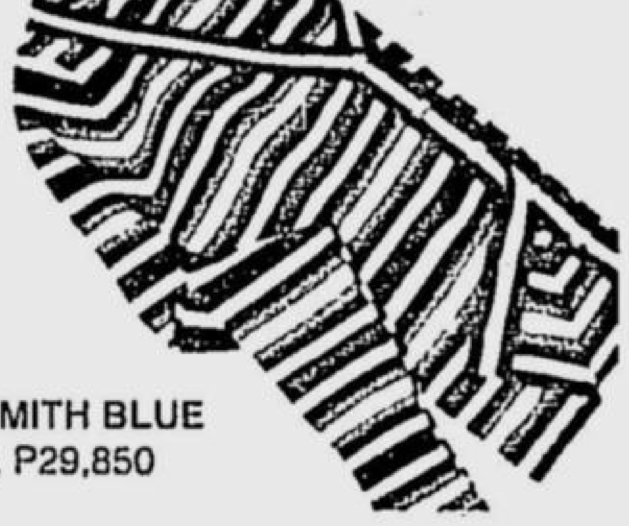
**TICKLES** dog collar, P85
**MAKE ROOM** dog carrier, P1,300

**TINT** bag, P4,398

**BATH BLOOMERS QUENCHING CREAM BODY MASSAGE CREAM** in Cedrus Geranium Kyphi, P625, **BEAUTY BAR**

**MANGO** shawl, P1,599

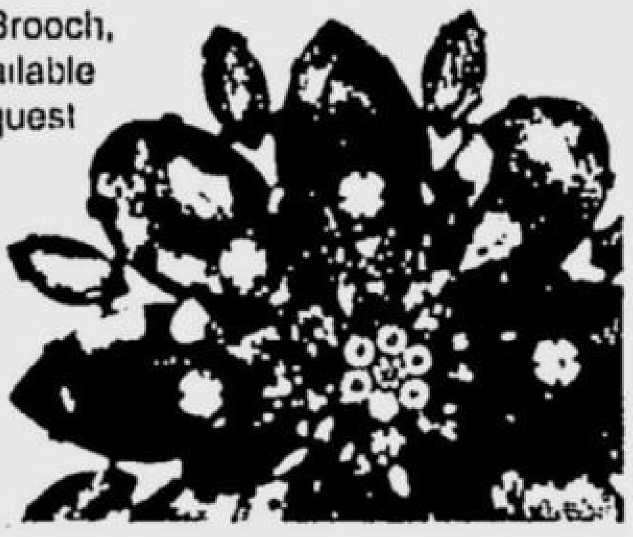




**PAUL SMITH BLUE** sweater, P29,850

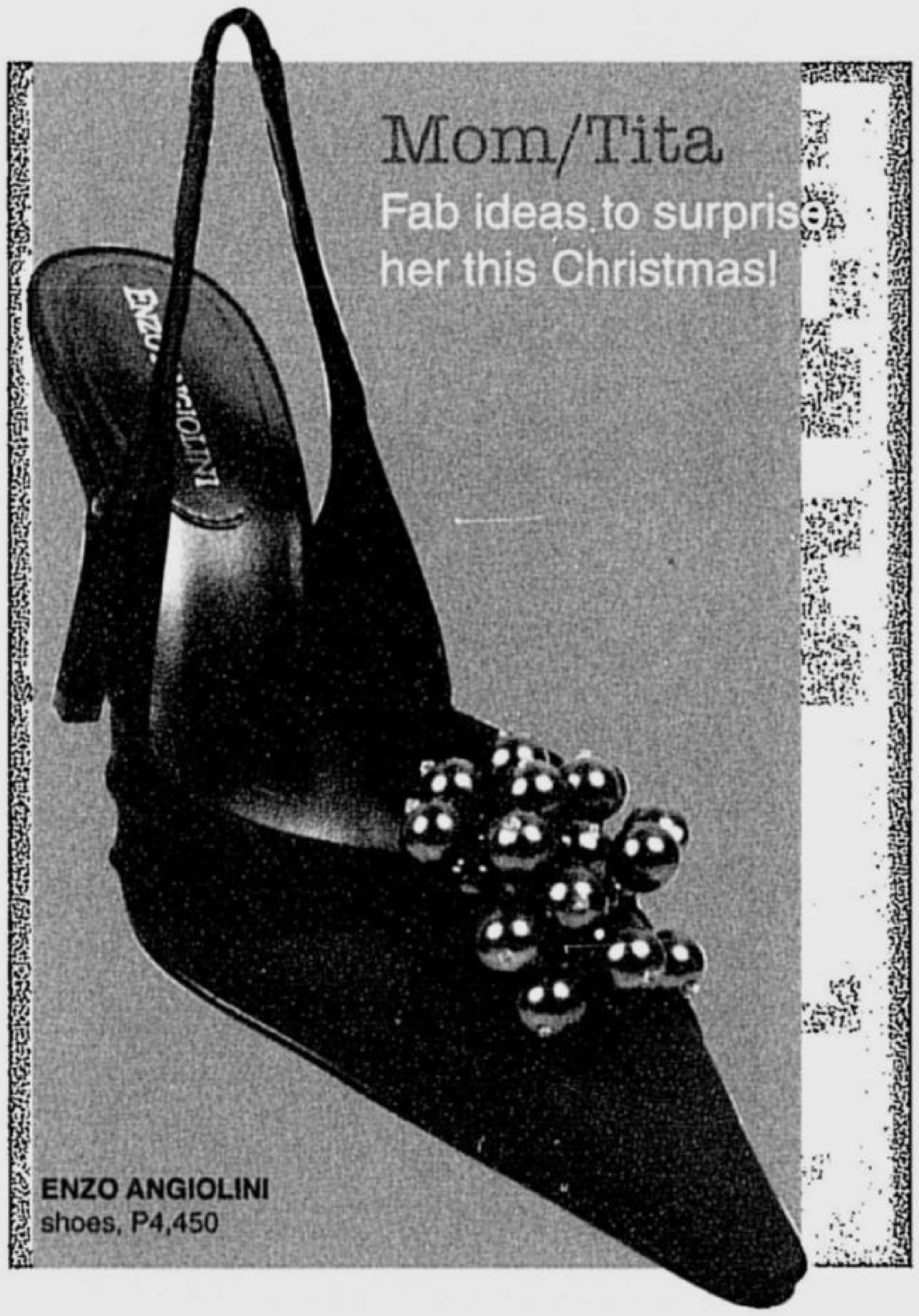
**GUCCI** wallet, P22,500

**FIRMA** Brooch, price available upon request



## Mom/Tita

Fab ideas to surprise her this Christmas!



**ENZO ANGIOLINI** shoes, P4,450

# Dad/Tito/Boss

Make him beam with these cool surprises!

J-me key holder, P695, **KISH**

Typhoon corkscrew, P1,450, **QUILL**

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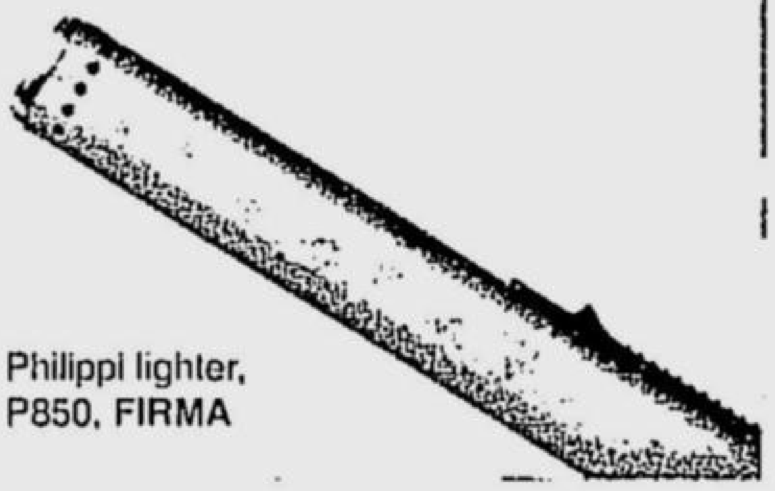
**PAUL SMITH** playing cards, P1,250

**GUCCI** ballpoint pen, P4,500

**INK & STONE** zen garden, P495



Philippi lighter, P850, **FIRMA**

**CLINIQUE GLOBAL SKIN SUPPLIES FOR MEN SET**, P2,400, **RUSTAN'S**

We made it our mission to get half of your gift-giving work done!

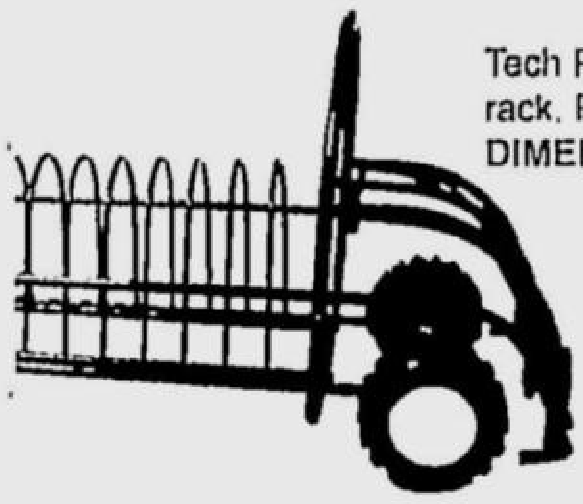
Photography COI SAMOTH

ER "LE MALE"
R SHOWER
98, **RUSTAN'S**

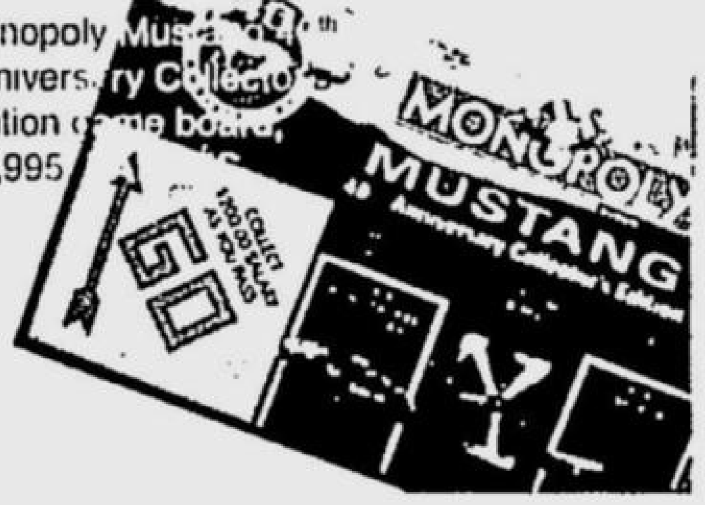
GREENLAND BATH & SHOWER GEL, P250 each, **BEAUTY BAR**

Koziol lighter, P998, **QUILL**

Multiple Choice by Topchoice espresso set, P395, **RUSTAN'S**



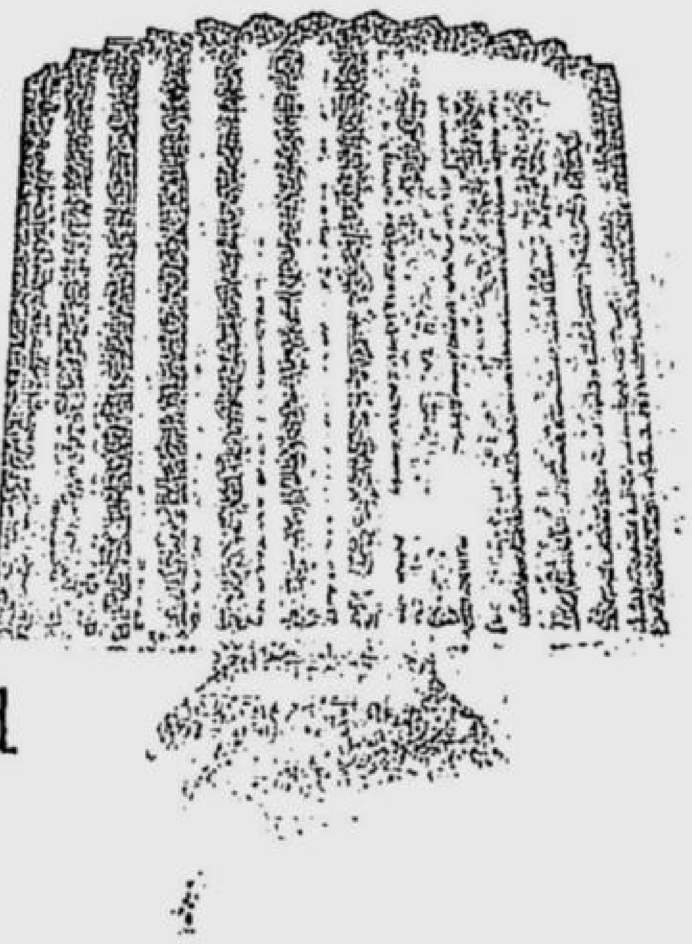
Tech Point CD rack, P369, **DIMENSIONE**



Monopoly Mus[illegible]th Anniversary C[illegible] Edition [illegible] board, P2,995

## Bro/Son/ Boyfriend

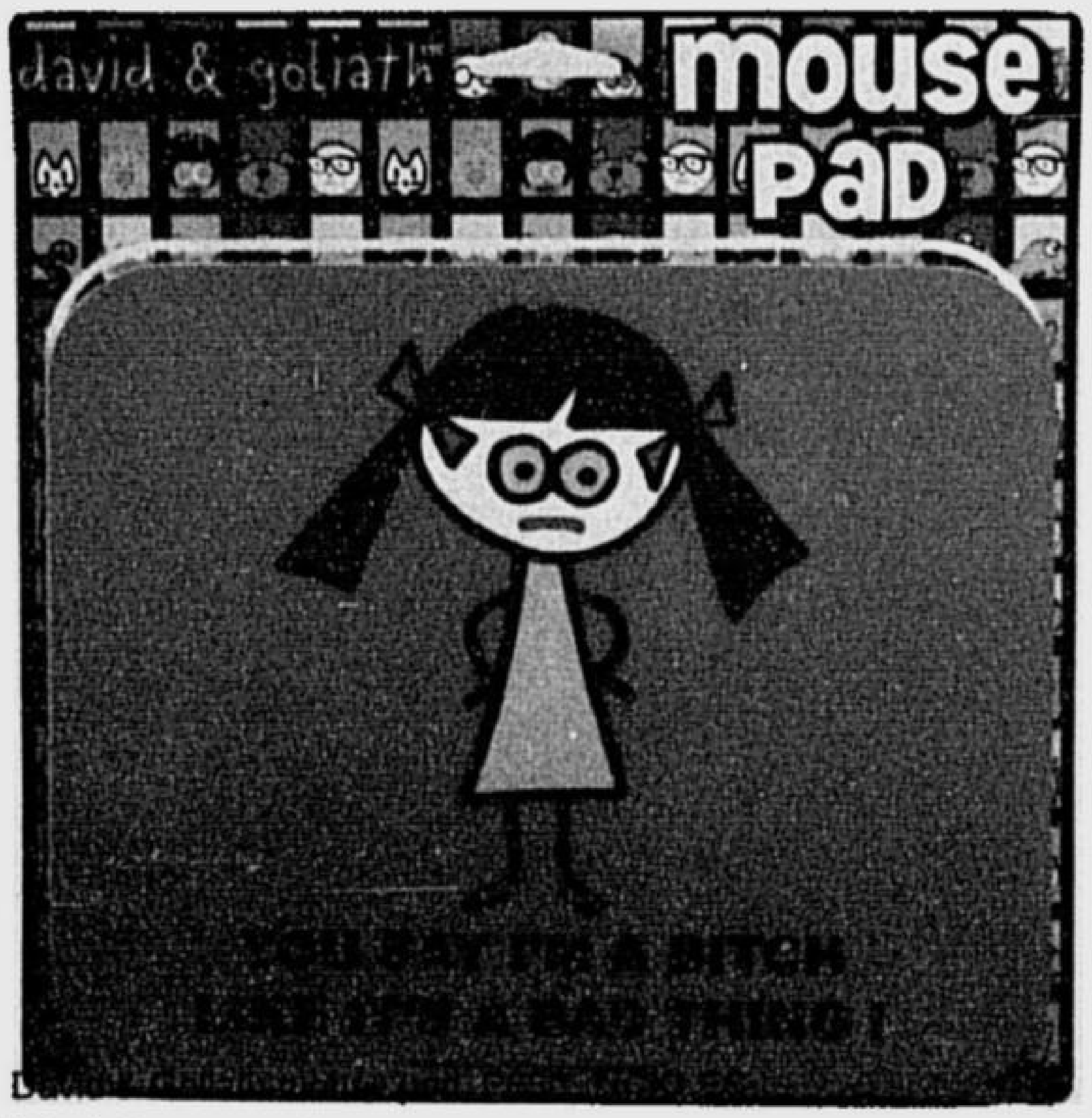
Hip gifts for the man in him!



Mr. P One Man Shy lamp, P3,495, **DIMENSIONE**

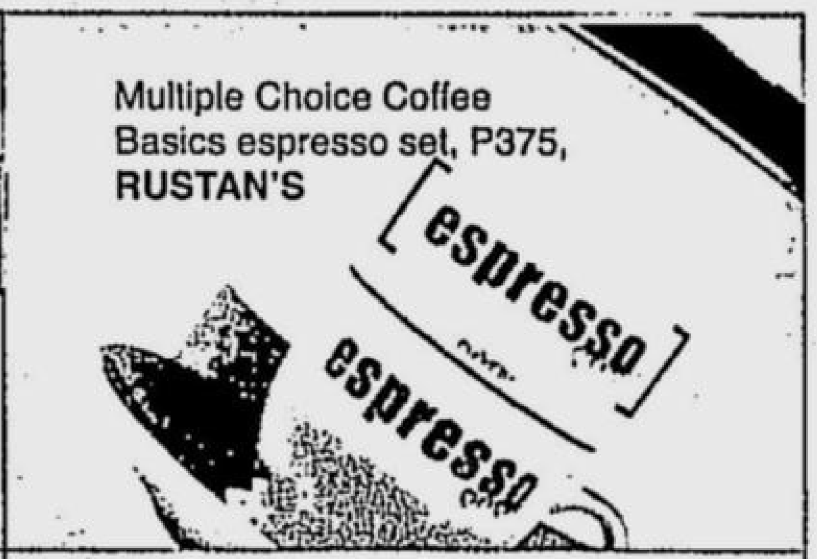
# Lady Boss/Bestfriend

Holiday gifts that could score brownie points for you!

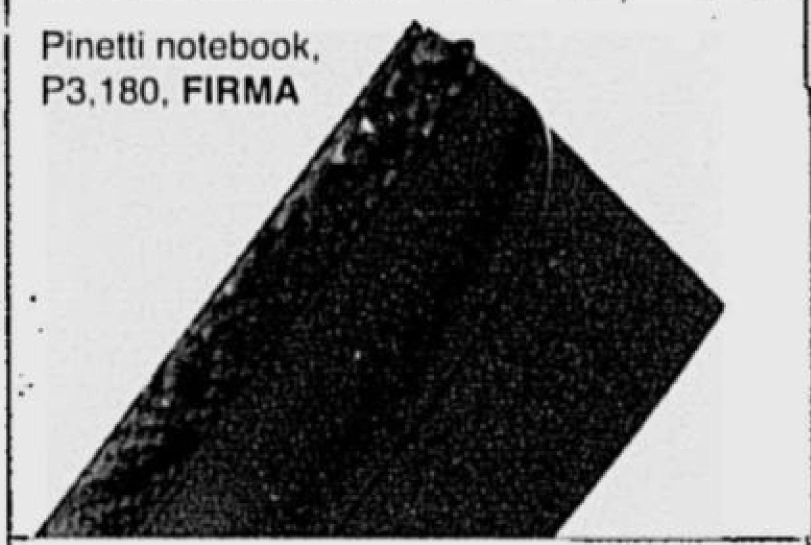


**ARANAZ MANILA**
bag, P750

Multiple Choice Coffee Basics espresso set, P375, **RUSTAN'S**



Pinetti notebook, P3,180, **FIRMA**



Mega Mini Kits 10 Nights of Passion, P545, **INK & STONE**

10 NIGHTS OF
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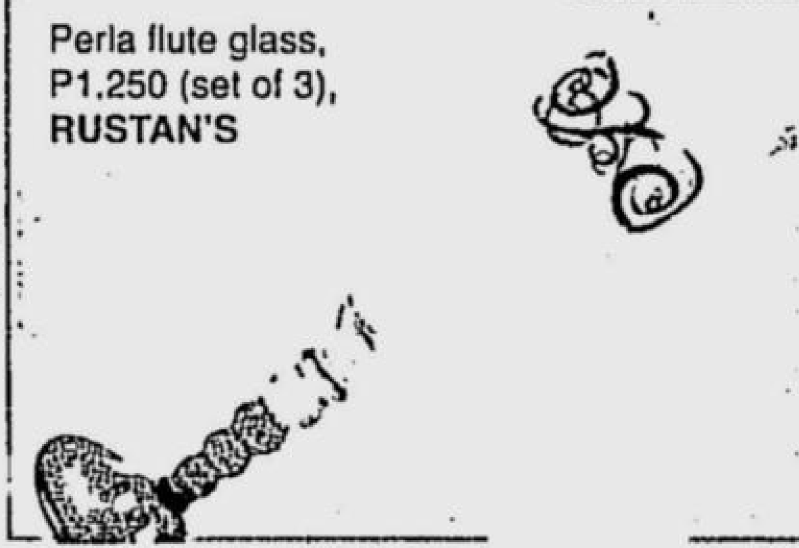
Perla flute glass, P1,250 (set of 3), **RUSTAN'S**



**FIRMA**
bangle, price available upon request

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# Bazaar Schedule

## November

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| 4-7 | 12th Taiwan Products & Technology Fair |
| 4-7 | Supermarket Show |
| 6-7 | Ayala Alabang Village Garden Club Bazaar |
| 14-14 | Metrobank Credit Cards Bazaae @ Le Pavilion |
| 11-14 | Womens' World 2004 |
| 14-14 | Ayala Alabang Village Association Bazaar |
| 14-14 | Wish A Christmas Bazaar @ Xavier School Courts |
| 18-21 | 14th Philconstruct Show 2004 |
| 21-21 | Zonta Club of Muntinlupa Bazaar |
| 20-21 | Bizarre, Bazaar @ Le Pavilion |
| 24 | American Women's Club of the Philippines Bazaar @ World Trade Center |
| 26-28 | Noel the Discovery Bazaar & Christmas Shop Expo @ World Trade Center |
| 28-28 | Heaven Sent Bazaar @ The Fort |
| 27-28 | Eagles of Hope Christmas Bazaar @ Ateneo de Manila Covered Court |

## December

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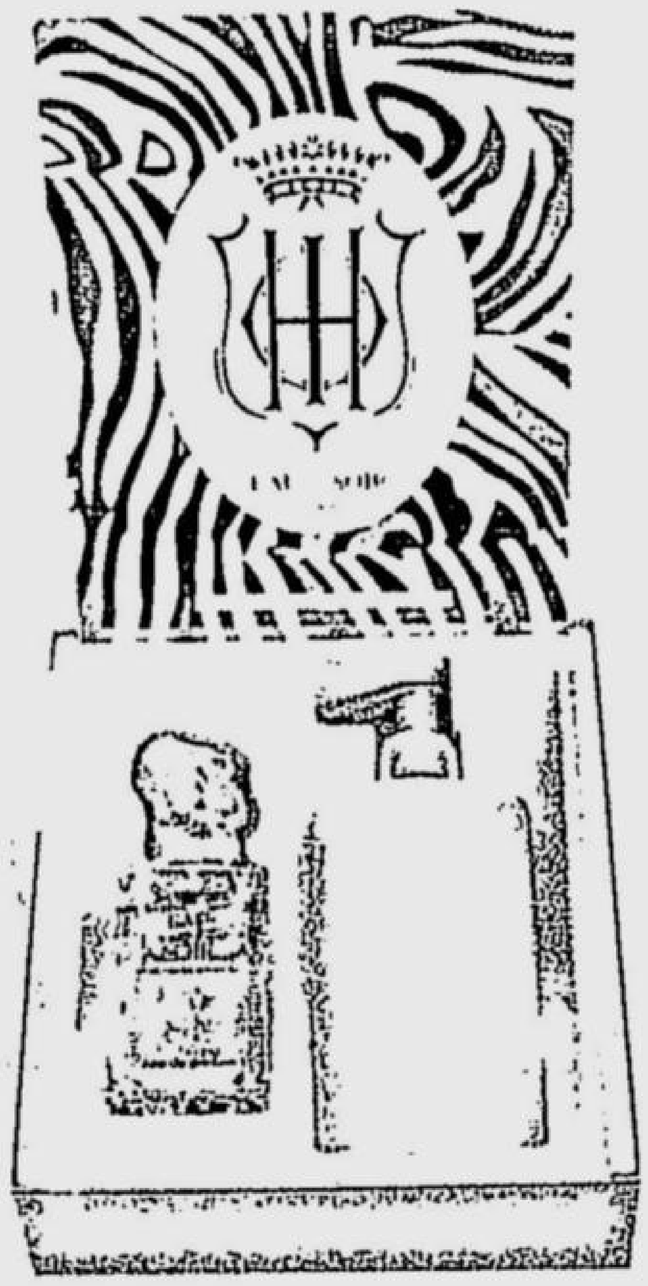
|---|---|
| 1-2 | Lifestyle Network Bazaar @ RCBC Tower |
| 10-12 | Christmas Bazaar Back-To-Back with Garden and Pet Show @ Mega Trade Hall |
| 11-12 | Ayala Alabang Village Association Bazaar |
| 15 | American Women's Club of the Philippines Bazaar @ World Trade Center |
| 18-19 | Sisters of Mary Missionary Bazaar |



# Beauty Treats

Dont's settle for anything less, give the gift of beauty with the best packaged deals.

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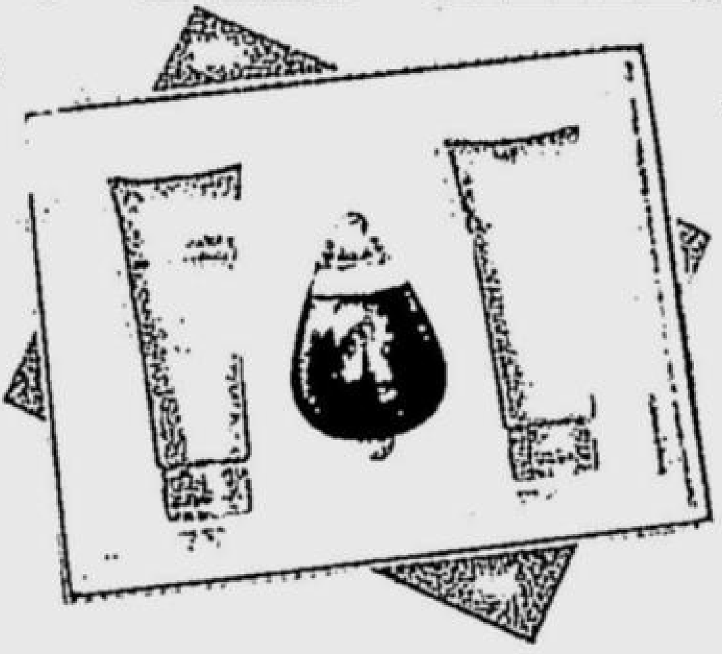
SISLEY EAU DU SOIR CREATIONS HUBERT ISABELLE D' ORNANO, P9,000, **RUSTAN'S**

**LUSH** YOU'RE THE BEST gift pack, P1,195



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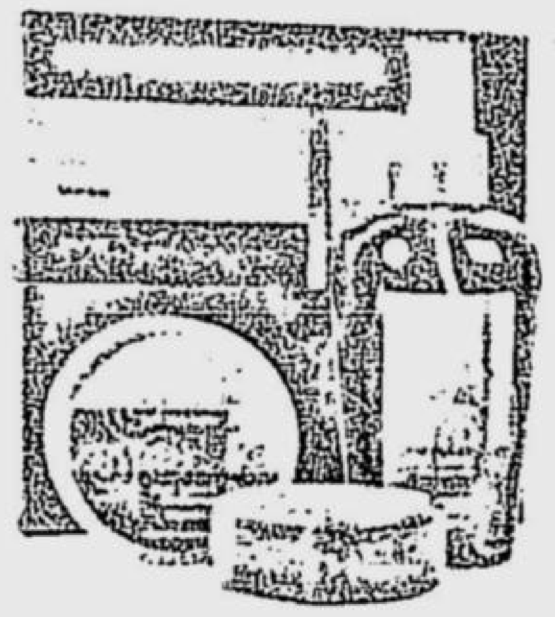

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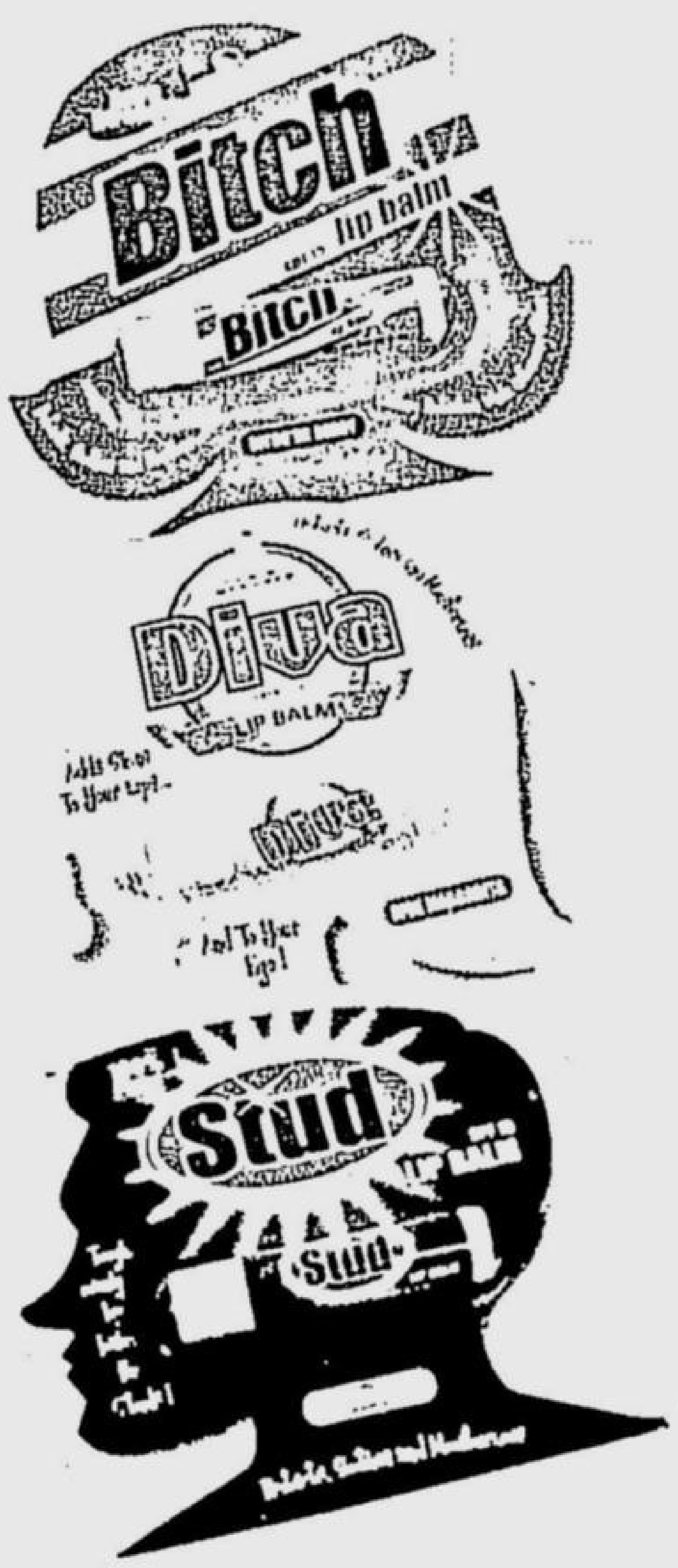
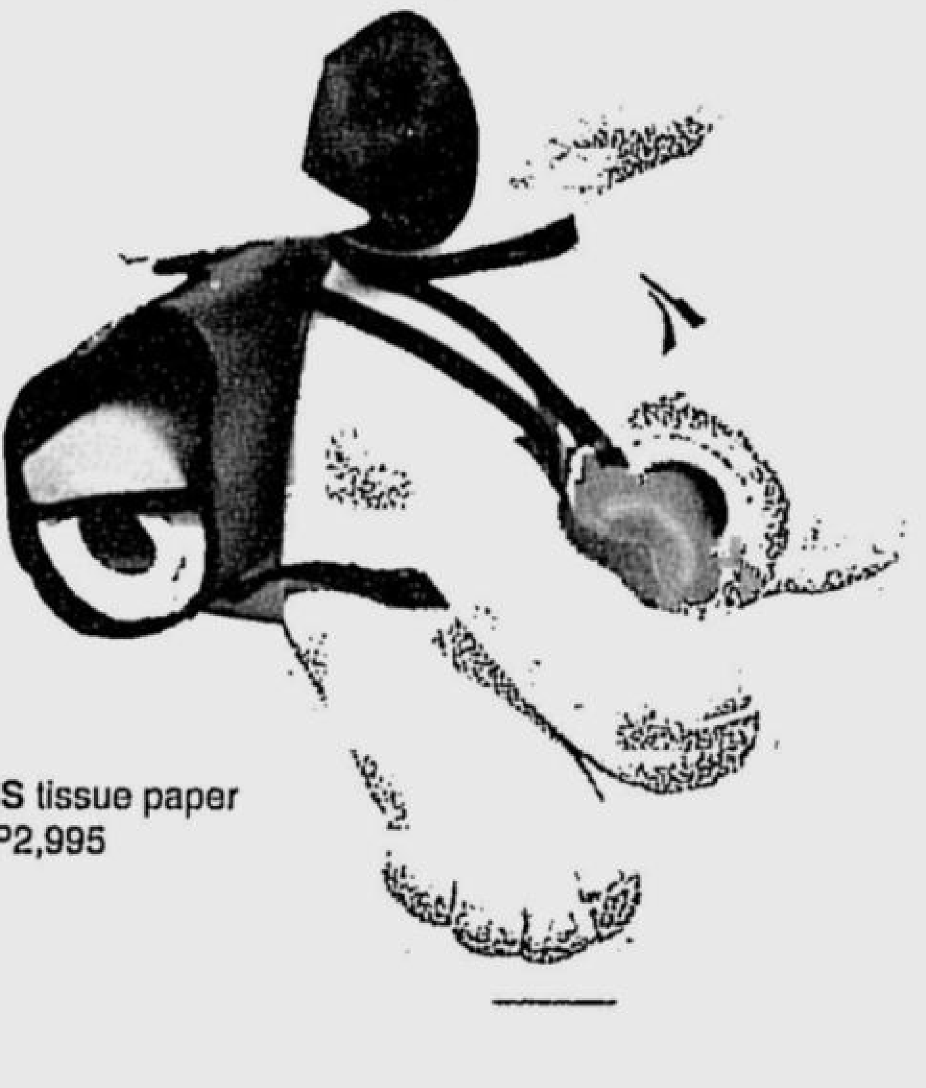


All from **TICKLES**, P299.75 each

# Jingle All The Way

Decorate the tree, wrap gifts, eat *bibingka*. Whatever you do, enjoy the season even as nature calls.



**TICKLES** tissue paper holder, P2,995

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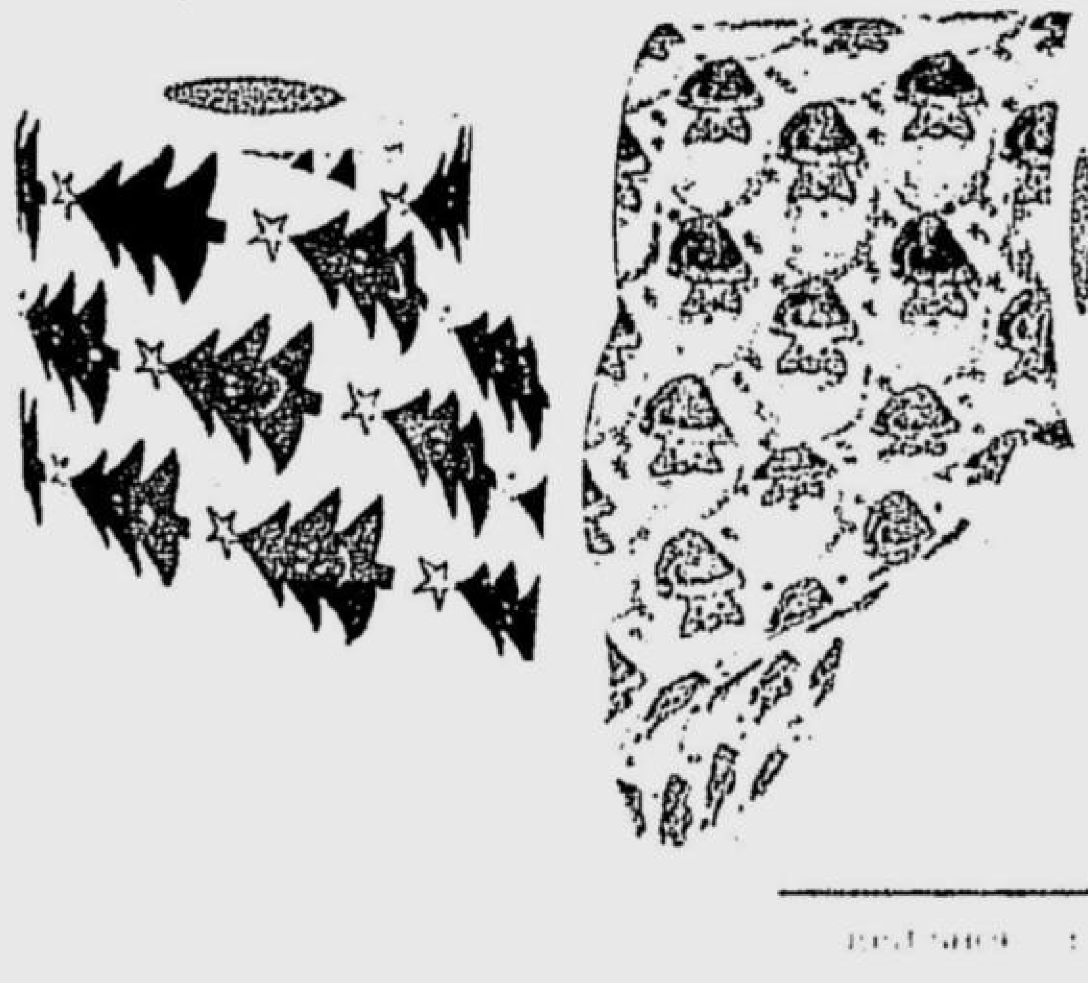

## Shiseido

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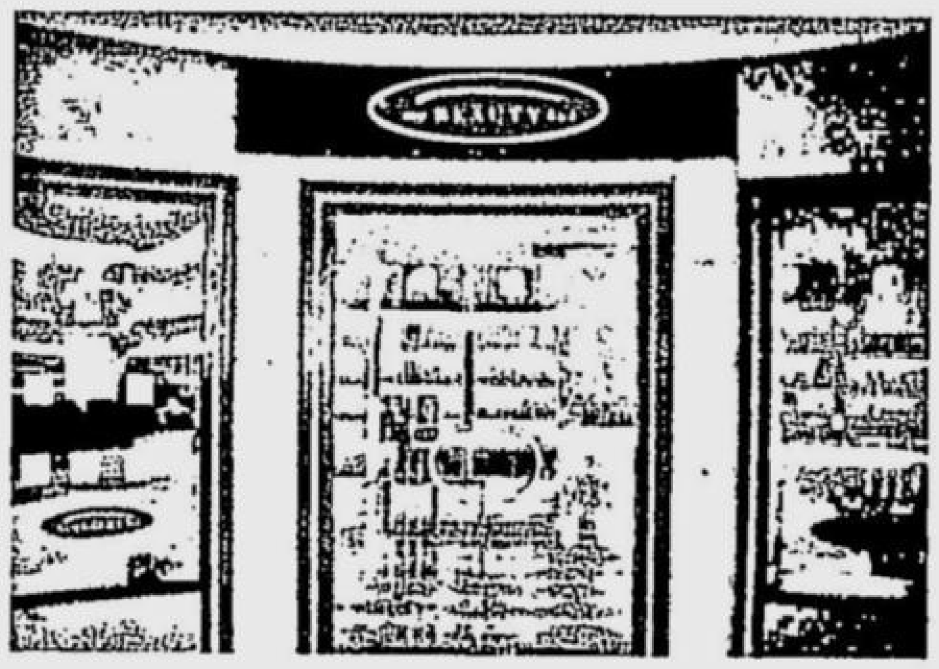
Cacao Fizz Creamy Blush. Deep Bordeaux Mascara. Ruby Dazzle eye shadow. Red Currant Lipstick. This season calls for dramatic richness! So girls, get ready to paint the town red!



## My Beauty Hub

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## Lily

Lifestyles at Rockwell 2nd level Powerplant Mall, Rockwell

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## Studio 546

3rd level Shangri-La Plaza Mall

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212
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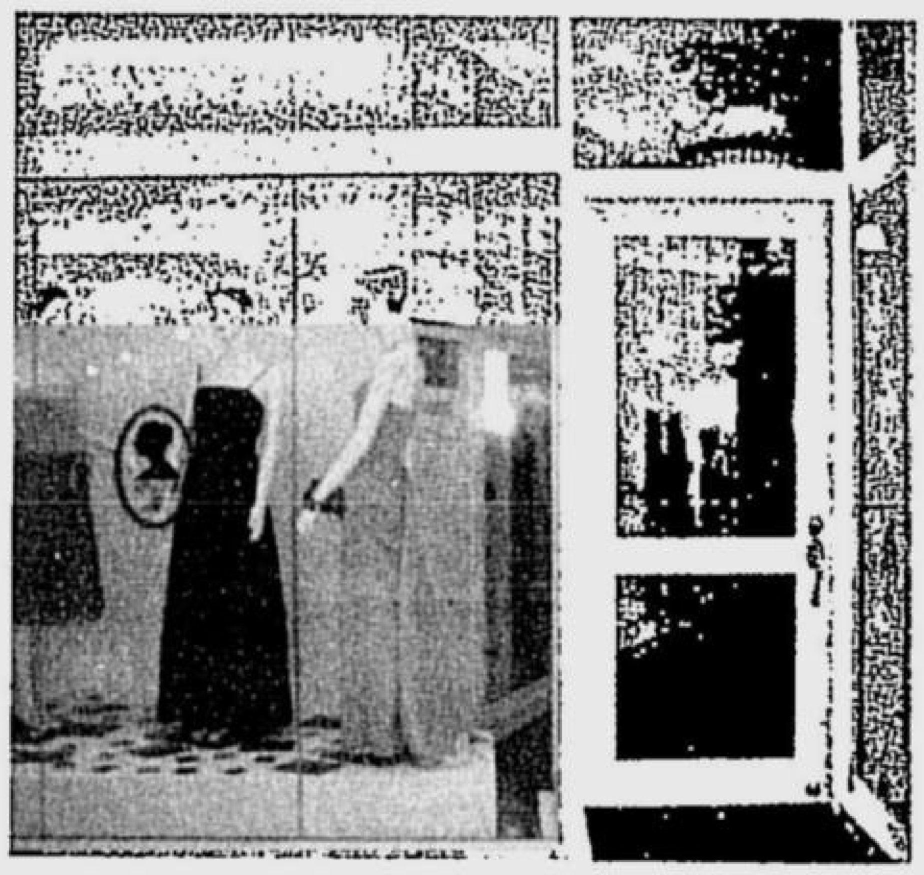

## Atelier M

Greenbelt 3 Ayala Center

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Robinson's Galleria

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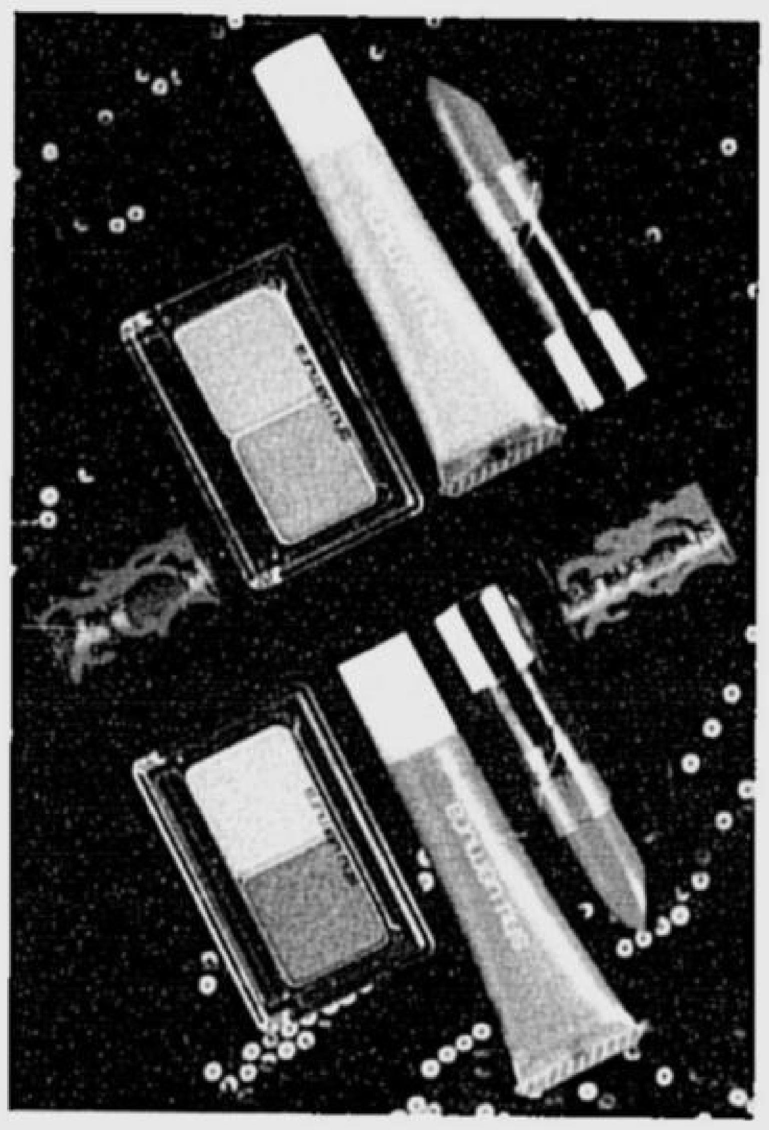

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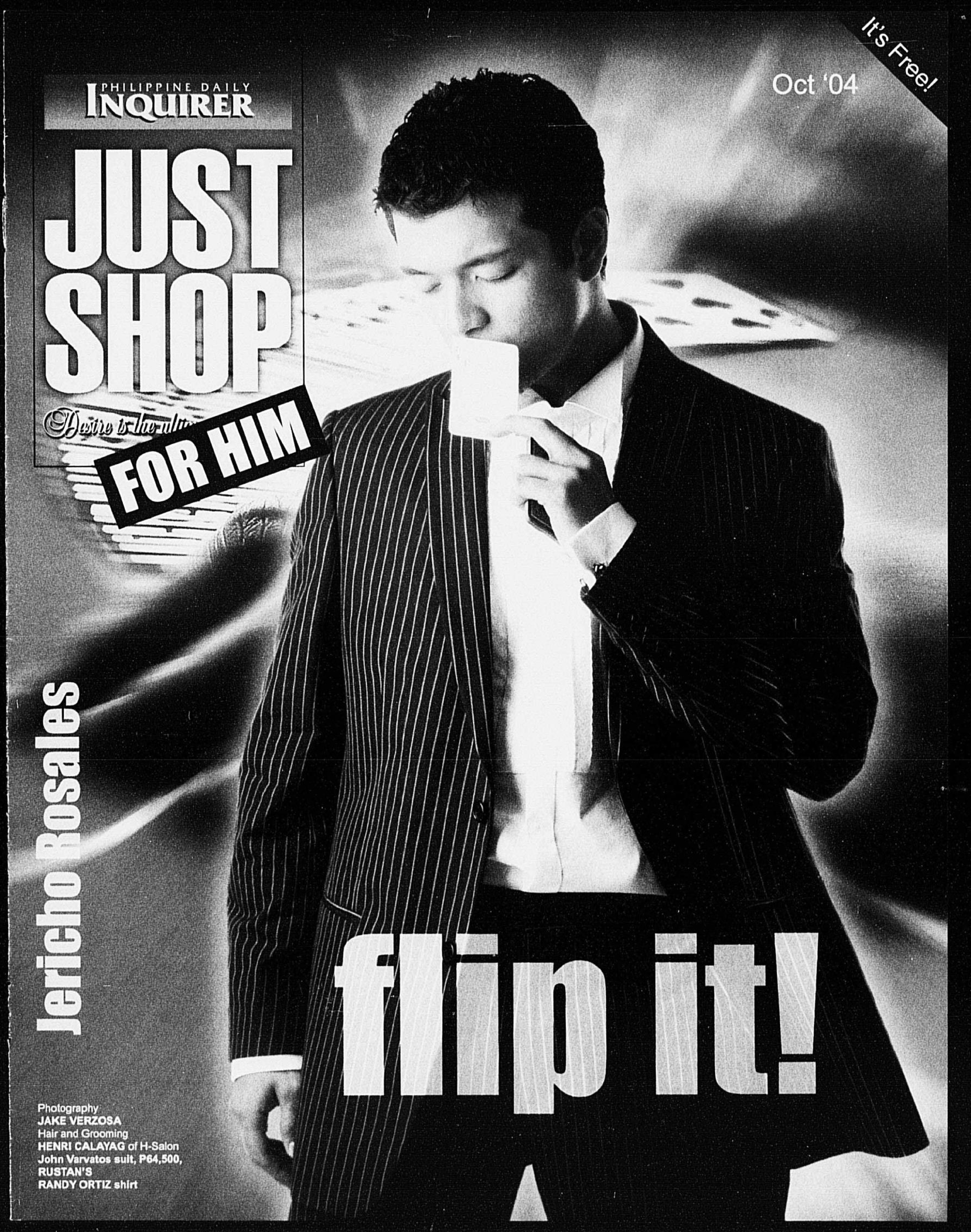
## Alfa
Robinson's Galleria

Whether a Modelo, Kolehiyala or Sosyal you're sure to find a bag to suit your style this season. Come November, colorful suede, patchwork and contrast linings come into play by in-house designer Jill Llema. Angela Laurel glams up **ALFA**'s December collection with evening bags perfect for the *sosyal* in you!



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## Jericho Rosales

# flip it!

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**JAKE VERZOSA**
Hair and Grooming
**HENRI CALAYAG of H-Salon**
**John Varvatos suit, P64,500,**
**RUSTAN'S**
**RANDY ORTIZ shirt**

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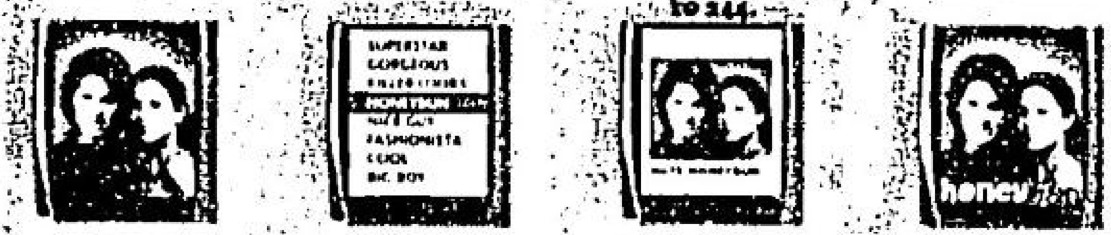

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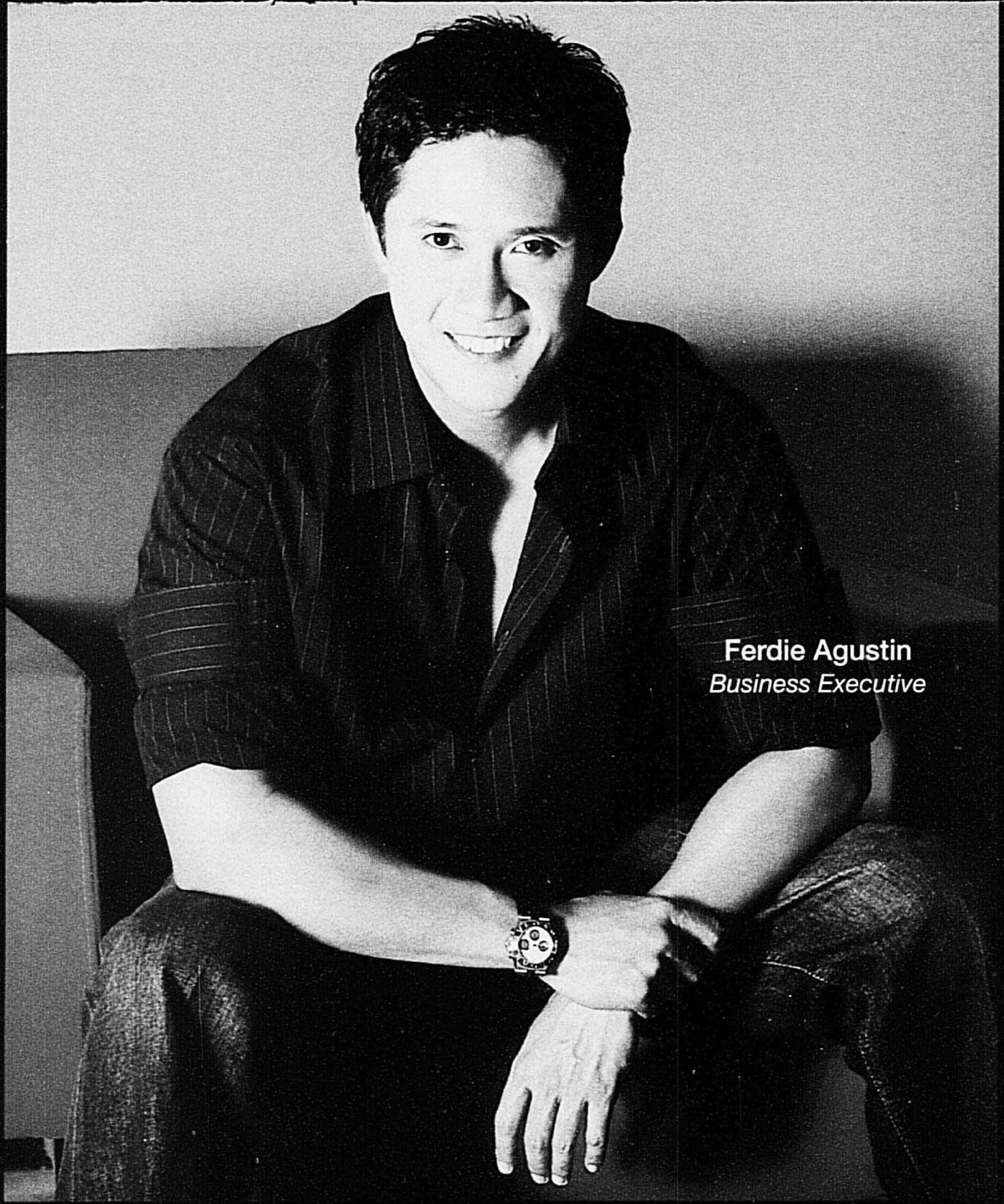

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# editor's note

Personal style is a gamble. You risk being praised or ridiculed. With this maiden (or shall I say, premier) issue of **JUST SHOP FOR HIM**, we aim to make men feel like how they should--the stronger sex.

But we can only achieve this by emulating the women--which gives them back the power, actually.

But this editor's note is not about the battle of the sexes. "What is important is that men feel they have a right to treat themselves," Jean Paul Gaultier, with the launch of his new cosmetic line for men, could not have put it better.

So, just like empowered women, us men should be able to take more chances with our wardrobe. Dressing up can be considered a game but it should not have too many rules. A little flash doesn't hurt anyone.

On the cover of this issue is Jericho Rosales--a guy who fearlessly takes each challenge by its reins. Flip side to Jacques Dupasquier, a real man about town whose swagger makes the ladies swoon.

Let's put our chips on dart board secrets and take some risks with trendy tips from style spotter Gino De La Paz. (page - 5)

Scent-sation, anyone? These days, the scent of a good man is enough for anyone to flip over. Dr. Mark Platon lends us his nose. (page -7)

So, just like the women in our lives, we should take care of our bodies. By taking care of ourselves, we express our need to interact with others.

So, what are you waiting for? Roll the dice.

Tim yap

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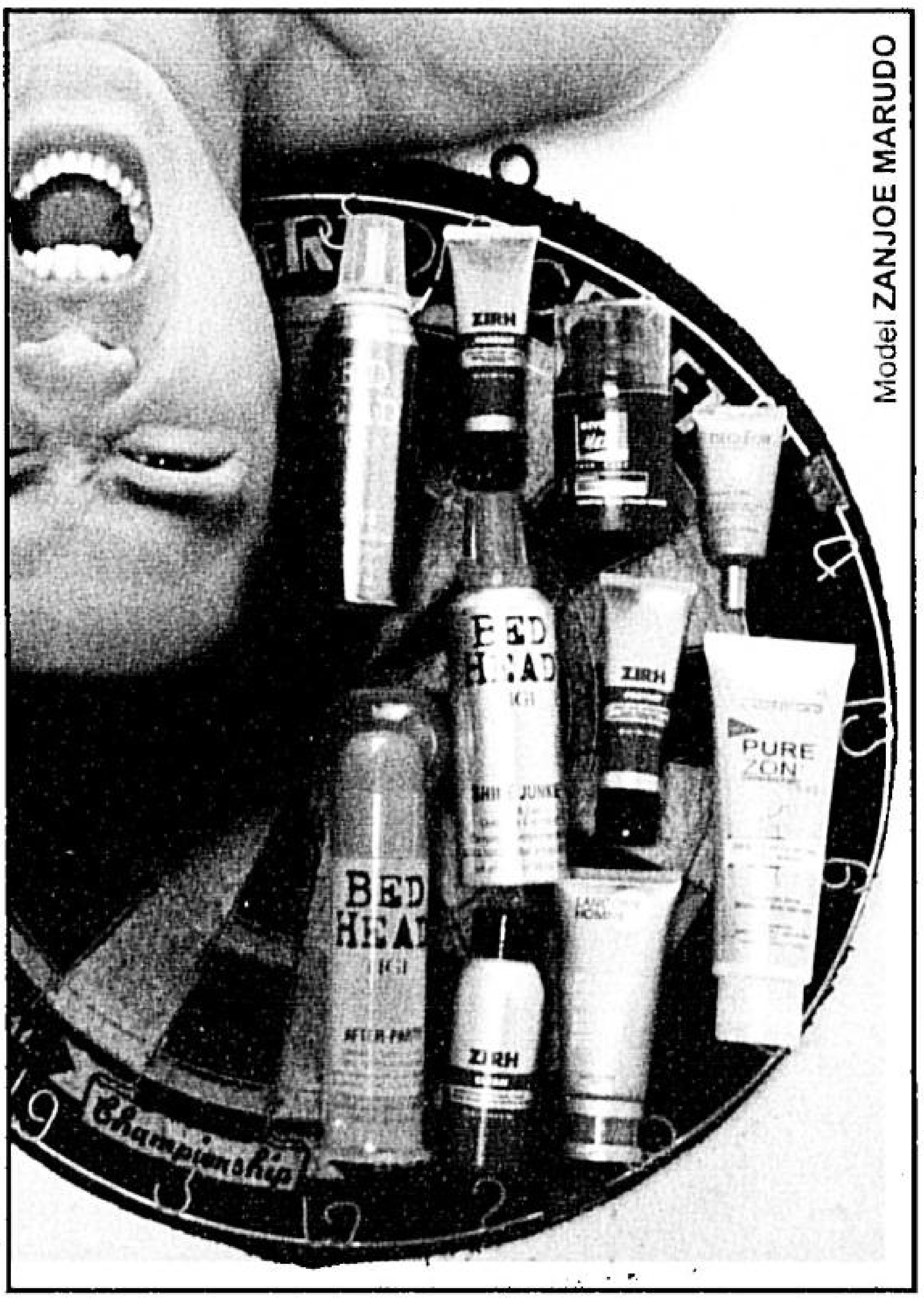
# our flip man

## Jericho Rosales

**What's on your shopping list?**
Suits, glasses, and shoes.
**Where do you shop?**
New York, Europe, Haighst in San Francisco, and sometimes in ukay-ukay.
**Who do you usually shop for?**
I'll shop for my girl and my brother.
**What gifts do you want for Christmas?**

1. Authentic Panama hat
2. Brit Bulldog
3. Unique chess board
4. Jughead comic book

# tim yap's picks



Model **ZANJOE MARUDO**

**ON THE DART**
(Clockwise from top):
Zirh Correct, Vitamin Enrich Serum, P1,650, **MY BEAUTY HUB** Nivea for Men Face Care Energy Cream Q10, P300, **PCX**; Decleor Paris, Le Soin-Skin Care for Men- Stop Fatigue-Rides, **RUSTAN'S**; L'Oreal Pure Zone, Continuous Purity, Step 1 Deep Exfoliating Gel Wash, P149, **PCX**; Lancôme Homme, Recharging Moisturizer 24hour Hydration Anti-tightness, P2,400, **RUSTAN'S**; Zirh Clean, Alpha-Hydroxy Face Wash, P950, **MY BEAUTY HUB**; Bed Head Tigi After-Party- Smoothing Cream for Silky, Shiny Looking Hair! P1,390; Bed Head Tigi Boy Toys- Body Building Funkifier, P1,390; Bed Head Tigi Shine Junkie- In A Can Outshine Everyone!, P1,390, all available at **ESSENSUALS BY TONI & GUY** Zirh Protect, Daily Face Moisturizer, P1,650, **MY BEAUTY HUB**.

Model **VICTOR BASA**

**SALVATORE FERRAGAMO** and **FIRMA** cufflinks and jewelry, prices available upon request

B to the L to the I to the N to the G. A little flash never hurt anybody. Besides, four out of five women would date a guy who wears jewelry.

# im a gambler!

By GINO DE LA PAZ

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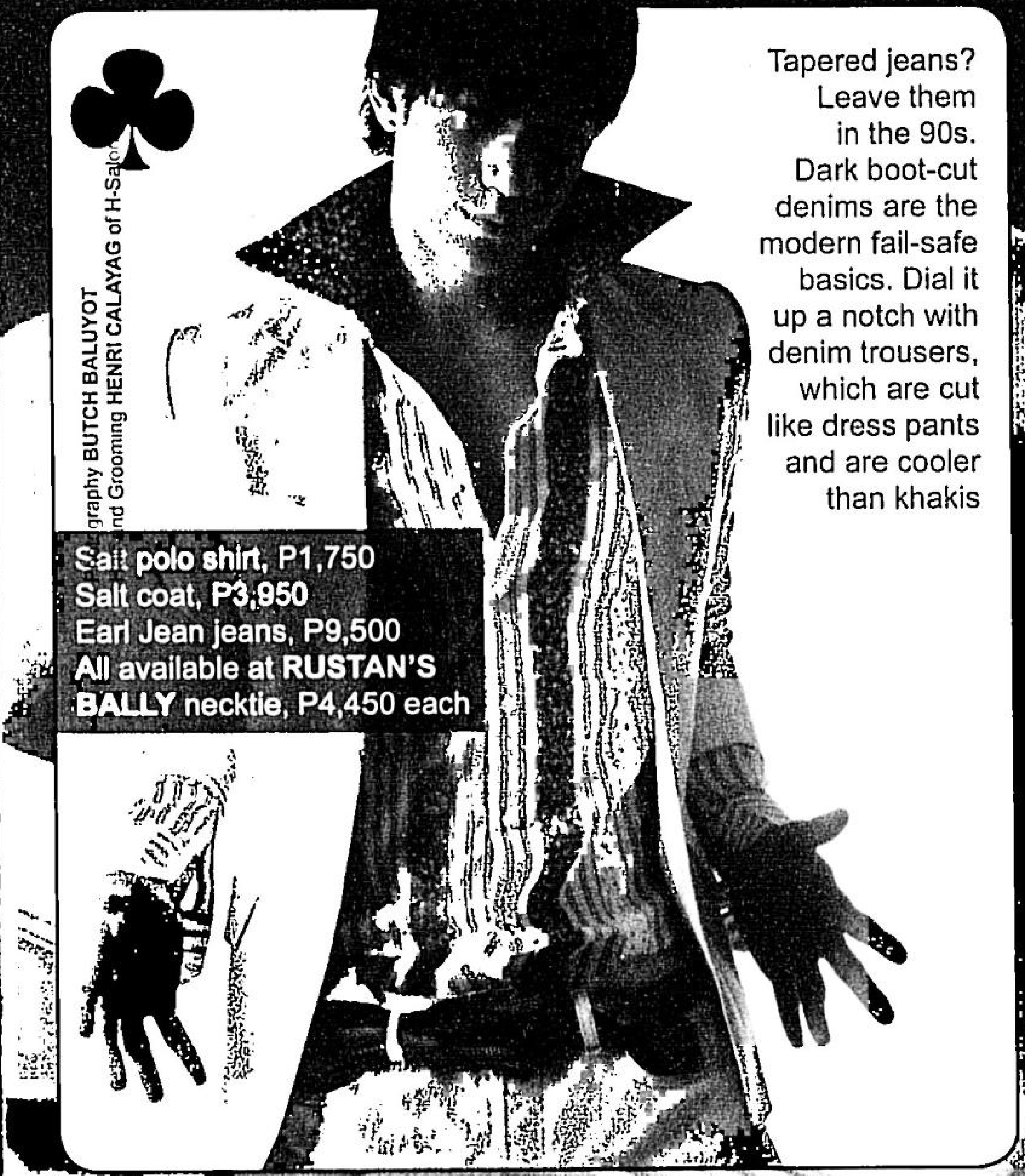
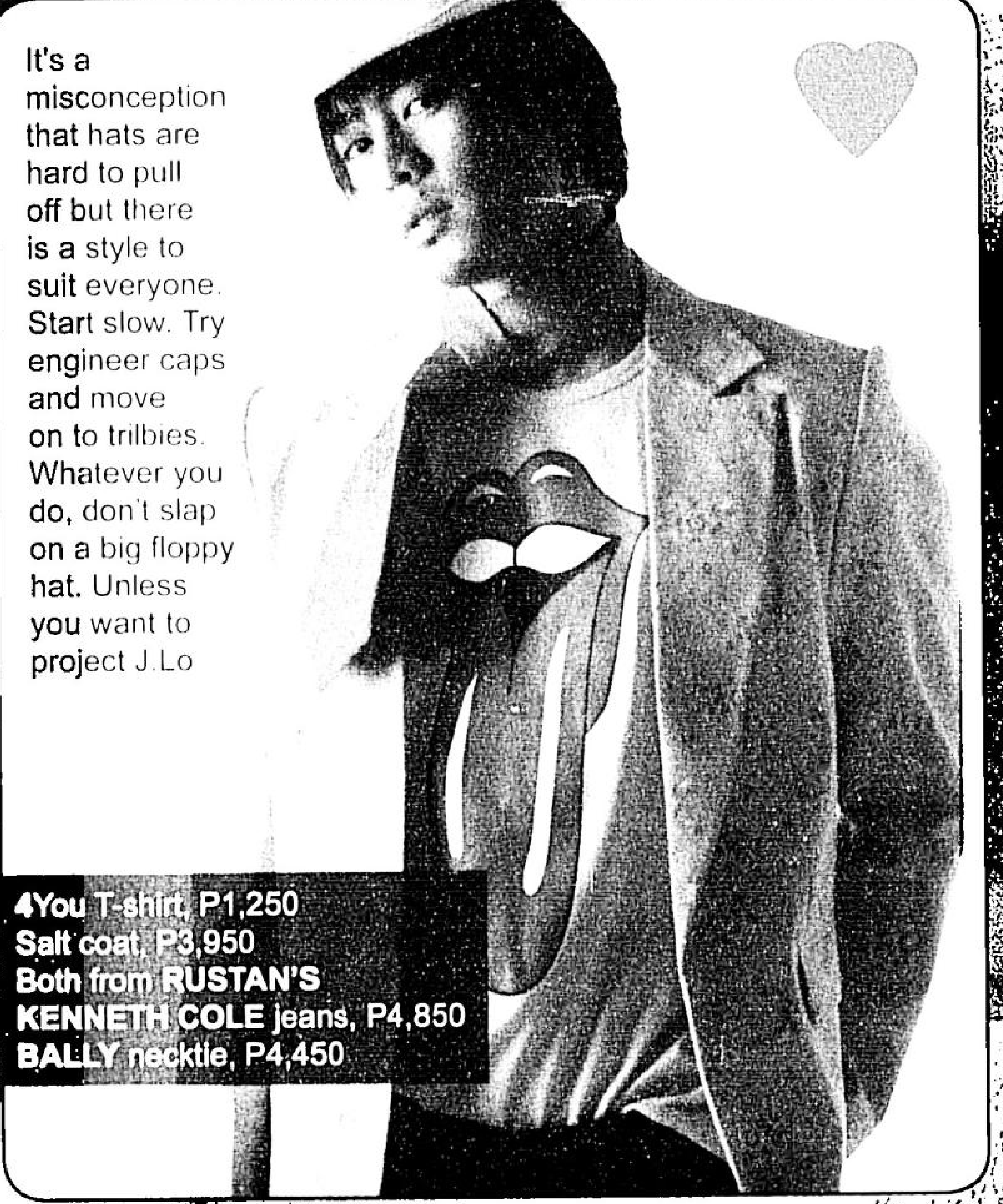


graphy **BUTCH BALUYOT**
nd Grooming **HENRI CALAYAG** of H-Salo

Tapered jeans? Leave them in the 90s. Dark boot-cut denims are the modern fail-safe basics. Dial it up a notch with denim trousers, which are cut like dress pants and are cooler than khakis

**Salt polo shirt**, P1,750
**Salt coat**, P3,950
**Earl Jean jeans**, P9,500
All available at **RUSTAN'S**
**BALLY** necktie, P4,450 each



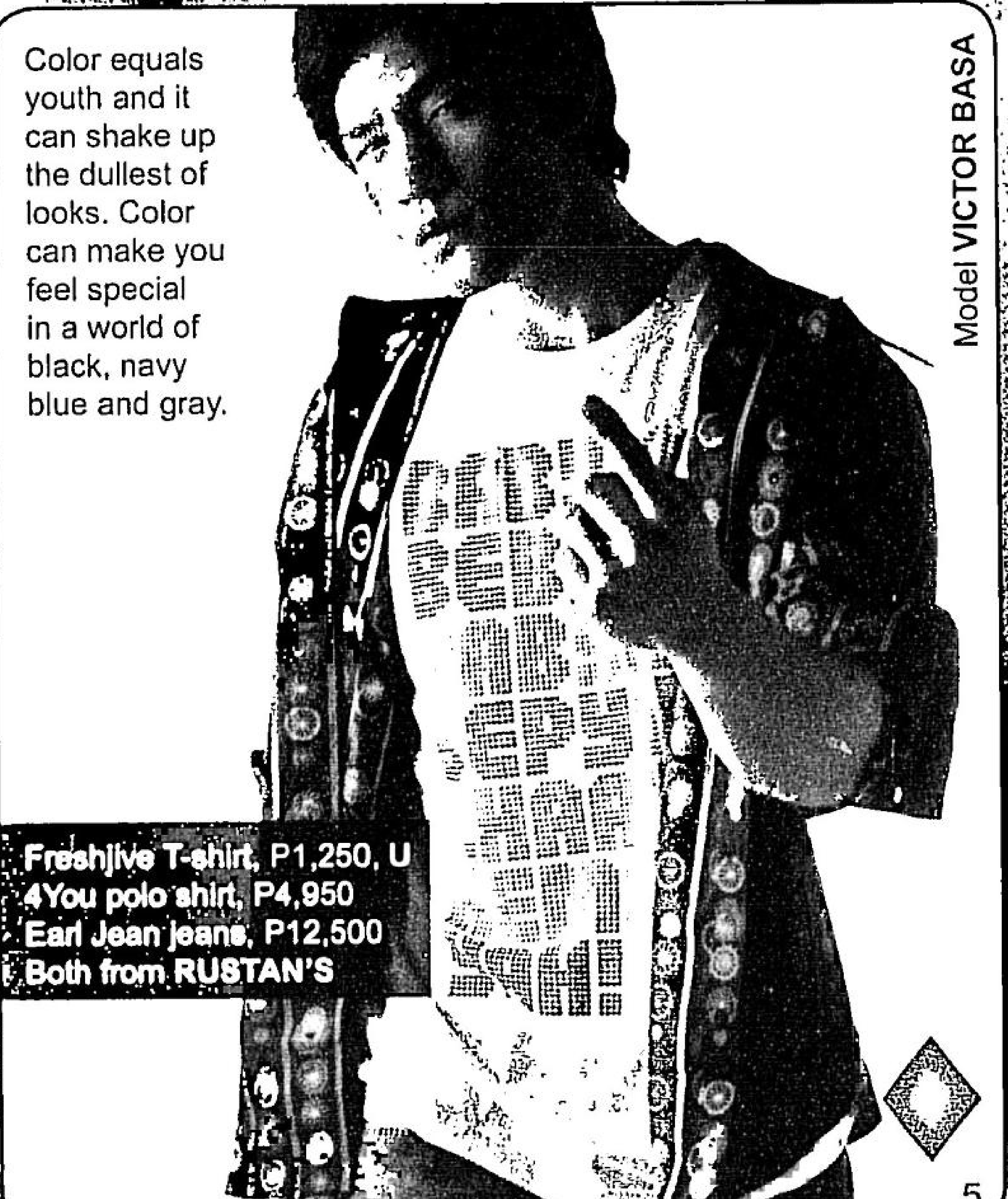
It's a misconception that hats are hard to pull off but there is a style to suit everyone. Start slow. Try engineer caps and move on to trilbies. Whatever you do, don't slap on a big floppy hat. Unless you want to project J.Lo

**4You T-shirt**, P1,250
**Salt coat**, P3,950
Both from **RUSTAN'S**
**KENNETH COLE** jeans, P4,850
**BALLY** necktie, P4,450

Invest in a good streamlined suit then break it up. For night outs on the town, layer your jacket over a slick printed shirt and pair that with jeans. For casual fridays, try your plain suit pants with a colorful button-down. y-o-u will look h-o-t.

Model **BRENT JAVIER**

**Flirt.men T-shirt**, price available upon request, **CINDERELLA**
**Salt coat**, P3,950
**Earl Jean jeans**, P9,500
Both from **RUSTAN'S**



Color equals youth and it can shake up the dullest of looks. Color can make you feel special in a world of black, navy blue and gray.

Model **VICTOR BASA**

**Freshjive T-shirt**, P1,250, U
**4You polo shirt**, P4,950
**Earl Jean jeans**, P12,500
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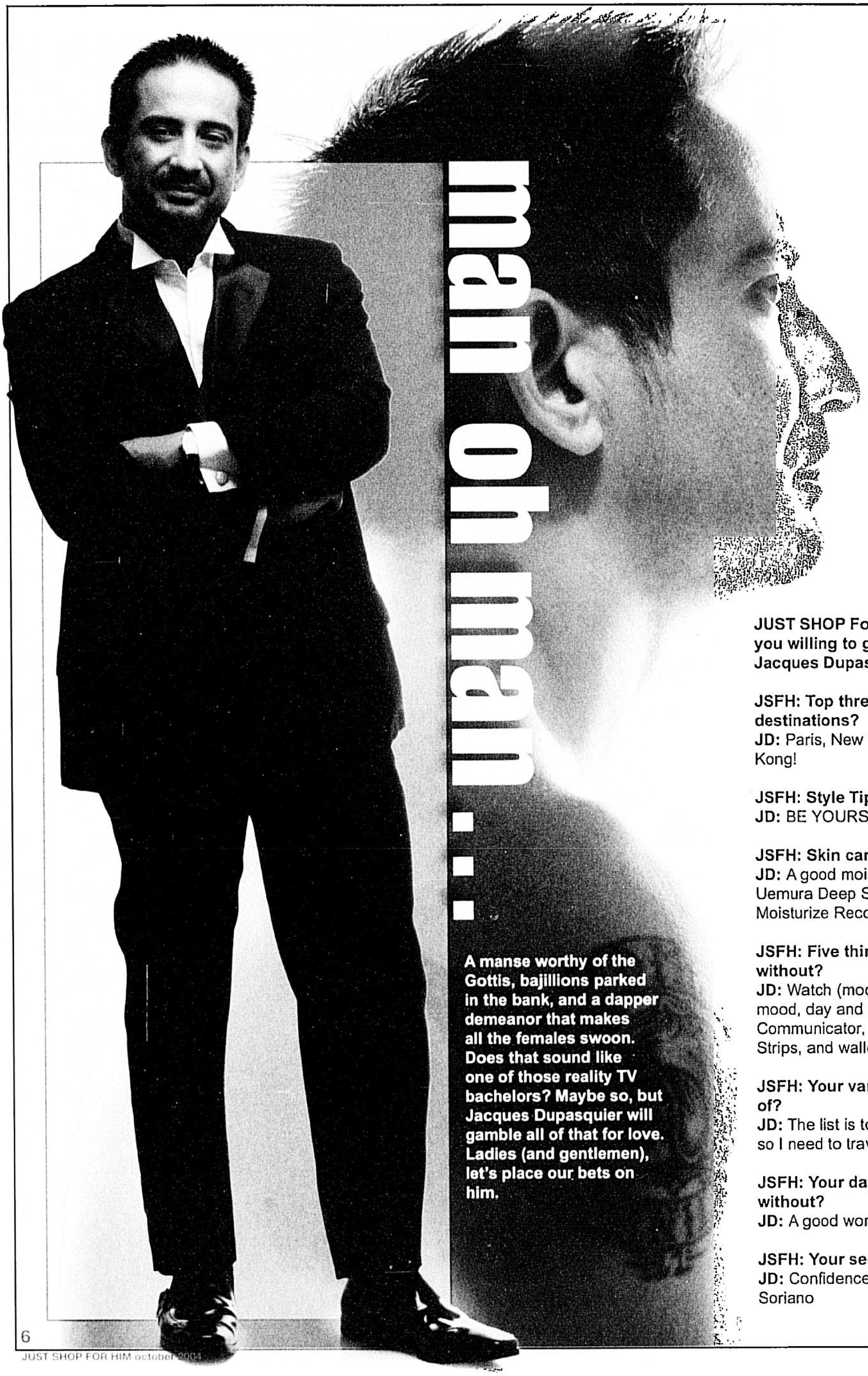


# man oh man . . .

**A manse worthy of the Gottis, bajillions parked in the bank, and a dapper demeanor that makes all the females swoon. Does that sound like one of those reality TV bachelors? Maybe so, but Jacques Dupasquier will gamble all of that for love. Ladies (and gentlemen), let's place our bets on him.**

**JUST SHOP For Him: What are you willing to gamble on?**
**Jacques Dupasquier:** L-O-V-E

**JSFH: Top three shopping destinations?**
**JD:** Paris, New York, and Hong Kong!

**JSFH: Style Tips for Men?**
**JD:** BE YOURSELF.

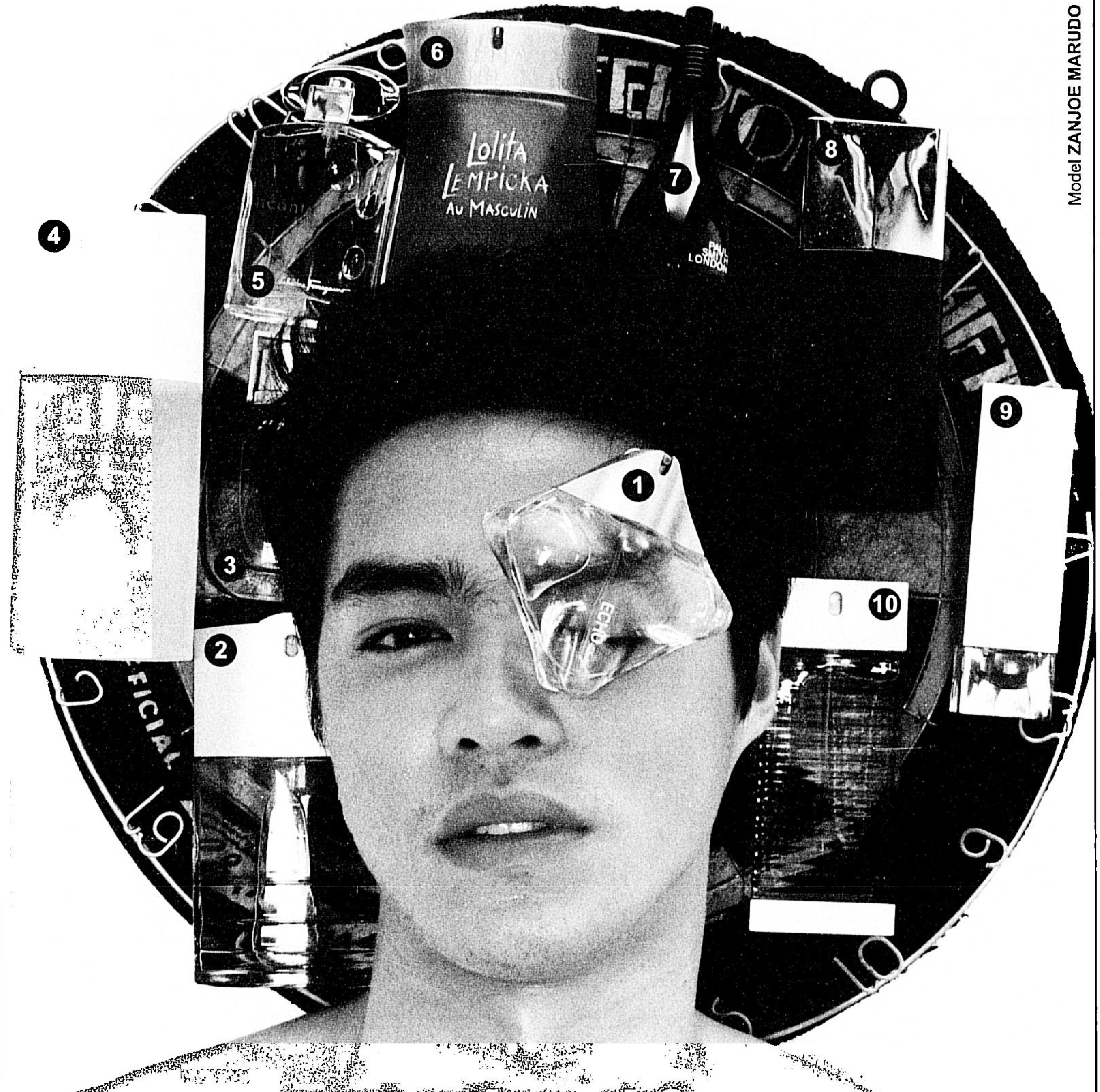
**JSFH: Skin care must haves...**
**JD:** A good moisturizer like Shu Uemura Deep Sea Therapy Moisturize Recovery Emulsion.

**JSFH: Five things you can't live without?**
**JD:** Watch (model depends on mood, day and style), Nokia Communicator, Chapstick, Listerine Strips, and wallet (of course!).

**JSFH: Your vanity kit is composed of?**
**JD:** The list is too long to fit in one, so I need to travel with two (no joke!).

**JSFH: Your day is not complete without?**
**JD:** A good workout at Gold's Gym.

**JSFH: Your secret to your glow is?**
**JD:** Confidence . . . and Rachel Soriano



Model ZANJOE MARUDO

# scent-sations sir?

**1 ECHO** Pleasantly light, sends ripples of cool and calm throughout your body just like that perfectly overcast sky. Wear it for a stroll on a breezy afternoon (30ml., P1,998). **2 OXYGENE** A milder L'eau Bleue with a different philosophy. Bleue smells like the log cabin; Oxygene is what it feels like to live in it. For trips out of town (50ml., P2,650). **3 VET Y VER** Vaguely spicy with traces of sweet pome fruits. Sunday brunch dates, when you're there simply to enjoy good eats and good company, and not out to make a statement (30ml., P2,350). **4 L'EAU D'ISSEY** Zen Citrus, a straightforward scent. For purists who don't have time for BS (75ml., P3,050). **5 INCANTO** No, not another hit from Salbakuta (sp?). spicy and woodsy, reminds me off... nutmeg! Very late night coffee with a book or a friend (30ml., P2,098). **6 LOLITA LEMPICKA** Say whuh? Had me seriously confused trying to decipher the scent, just like the name. sweet & powdery with a kick at the end (50ml., P2,350).

For those bravely secure about their masculinity and would like to try something new and different. **7 PAUL SMITH** Stick it close enough to your nose, and it smells almost like Absolut Vanilla with licorice. Nearly as intoxicating, too. For smart-casual affairs that have potential for a slow dance (100ml., P3,950) . **8 L'EAU BLEUE D'ISSEY** Definitely cedar. If you want to make a strong impression... or be remembered as a scratch-n-sniff for a loghome (75ml., P3,250). **9 CONTRADICTION** Very clean, aseptic. Almost rubbing alcohol-esque, but with a fresh vibe. Goes perfectly with that post-work-out aura (30ml., P2,650). **10 TSAR** For some reason, reminds me of the library at our old house; or uncles that visit on weekends. Probably for the more mature set, or just plain nostalgic and old-fashioned. (All available at RUSTAN'S). *–Mark Platon*